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Legislature. I filed this amendment out of distress, I suppose, looking at what is going to happen to some smaller...the smaller cities in this state, who rely heavily on those few dollars that they do get back from these funds. I was thinking of those small communities when this took place. But since then, some of the larger cities in the state have expressed their problems, not only to me, but other members of the Legislature, about the fiscal impact that's going to hit those towns. And the argument was that the sales tax increase, or the broadening of the base of the sales tax, was going to more than compensate them for this. But it's my understanding that that...those percentages of dollars fall under the restricted funds, and they are not going to be able to use some of those extra dollars. And to me, this...it's not that great a number for the state. And I know that every dollar counts, not only in small governments, but in the state government also. But I feel as though we have hit them over the last few years. In the 2001 Session they took a 25 percent cut in aid to the cities. In 2002 there was...the municipal share was a third of the \$14.5 million from the half-cent sales tax increase in motor vehicle tax transferred the Highway Trust Fund. And now again we are going to do the same thing. I guess it's out of frustration that I file this amendment. And I would give the rest of my time, opening time, to Senator Mines.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, you have about seven minutes.

SENATOR MINES: Mr. President, thank you. Thank you, Senator Janssen. Well, we're back again on this one, simply because it's that important to municipalities. As Senator Janssen has already stated, in the 2001-2002 Special Sessions, cities took a 25 percent hit in their state aid. And in the 2003 Session, we've hit them again for 32 percent. And that's prior to AM1956, which hurts...it's just disproportionate. And you've received a handout that shows what cities...what's happening to our cities. I'll be very up-front with everyone. Omaha, Lincoln, and the 31 cities of the first class, this isn't pretty, but frankly, they're going to wade through it. And many will raise property taxes, because we're shifting the burden of state aid. We're reducing state aid. So they will in fact recapture some of it, or all of it, on...by increasing property