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SENATOR HALL: The committee amendments, if adopted, would not...would not take that revenue away from any other municipality other than that of the City of Omaha and the City of Omaha would still retain 2 percent which would be \$230,000 approximately.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hall, just to continue a couple of other questions on it, the City of Omaha has stated in your committee hearing and the Department of Revenue that they did not need the funding since the Department of Revenue was, in fact, doing the enforcement part of it and the administration part of it. Would the same be true for the City of Lincoln or Scottsbluff or Alliance or whoever that may be that the cities there do not need the money because the Department of Revenue is also taking care of the administration and enforcement?

SENATOR HALL: That would be absolutely accurate, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Then if an amendment were offered to the committee amendments or to the bill that would eliminate the collection of the city tax across the board because there is no need, it is my understanding that the League of Municipalities would not be very acceptable to that type of amendment, even though it would be consistent in regard to policy. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: That's my understanding. That's been my experience as well.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, mine too. Senator, could you give me...enlighten me a little bit of why...what the League of Municipalities' arguments would be of why they want to maintain a tax and retain the funding for purposes that they do not...the cities do not need because they have no administrative role in this?

SENATOR HALL: Well, Senator Bernard-Stevens, because it's there, I mean, it's the old "Willie Loman Law". I mean, the money is coming in, they're not going to turn it down and they're going to mount whatever effort necessary to fight any amendment that would...or any bill that would provide for reduction in their base. It's clear that at the smaller communities there may be more involvement with regard to