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SENATOR HABERMAN: Overall, yes.

SENATOR HALL: I would argue, no.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, then if they're...the city will not receive less money if we lower the bingo tax?

SENATOR HALL: I think that if, in 1989 on March 7th, if we adopt this committee amendment, that if you look at the budget today in the City of Omaha, come back this time next year, the city's budget will be greater than it currently is. The revenue collected will be greater for the entire city, yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I have one more question then. Would the State of Nebraska have to bail out Omaha if they get into financial trouble again, like they have in the past, for example, the half cent sales tax for Omaha, which I voted for, and for 775 of two years ago?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Haberman, you mean would they...the state allow them to collect a tax so that they could basically tax the residents?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Will they be back to the Legislature if they get in financial trouble again?

SENATOR HALL: I don't know. You would have to ask the city lobbyist.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I'm asking you as you seem to be their leader on the Revenue Committee.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Haberman, I think they're in great shape because of the passage of 775 a couple years ago. That's what the Chamber tells me, that's what the city officials tell me and it looks like it's a very prosperous position for the city and that's why I think they supported this.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, then, Senator Hall, why are you asking for approximately a \$200,000 revenue loss for the Omaha entity to buy arts if they've got all this money?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Haberman, the issue that you're talking