

sales tax an additional penny. As the state, and these things have been touched on, but maybe not in the same way that I will, begins to limit what it can have as a way to raise money by passing individual bills like Senator Hall's and others that particular special interest groups want, the state is less in a position to do those things that the state is required to do. The state, as a general government, is required to do for the citizens what they cannot do for themselves. Each one of these municipalities is governed by elected officials, and they ought to place those hard political decisions and take the heat for them. If we have a lot of cowards in these cities, lot of cowards, that is tough. The people who put them there are going to have to become aware of what they are and put more forthright people who are willing to do the things and take the decisions that under law they are authorized to do. There are provisions in the bill that make me feel the whole thing is a sham and a hoax and a l-i-e, a political l-i-e, but rather than say that word, I will say that we have before us a syntactical imprecision. If we are talking about true infrastructure in the sense of sewers, water, and waste treatment, that is not a matter of population, that is a matter of need. So if this bill is aimed at helping the infrastructure of those cities that need them, then we should not base it on population, because where the need is the greatest, the assistance will be the least. That is so palpably unfair that the Legislature should not participate in a sham and a hoax like that. Lincoln and Omaha will get the lion's share, obviously. That is where the population is. That is where the money will go, and I don't know why these little pointy head, pinhead communities will allow themselves to be dragged along in the train of these two big inconsiderate cities and say that their interests parallel those of Lincoln and Omaha. Lincoln and Omaha don't even want them in the same category or classification with themselves, but when time comes to have numbers, to have shock troops, to have the cannon fire, they get these little towns and little cities to tell whatever that group is that represents the municipalities to come down into this Legislature and say, this is a good bill and we all want it. They don't even know what they are talking about. They don't even know what is entailed because they have not read the bill. It is a thick bill and thick bills are not read. Why should those who are not going to get anything be supporting it? Because they have been tricked. Because they have been duped. Because they have been had. And I think the Legislature, if it does anything, has the responsibility to protect them from their own foolishness. This