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prospective and make some change but I doubt that you could change anything in the \$4.5 million once there was something issued, the way the mechanism works.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see. Would Senator Schellpeper explain, what do the cities anticipate...now I visited with them briefly about this but not to any great extent when they came to me to put my name on the bill, but what do the cities anticipate their greatest need and the greatest utilization of this source of funding will be?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is that addressed to Senator Schellpeper?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Schellpeper, I believe.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Excuse me, I didn't hear the question.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Have the cities outlined for you what they anticipate will be their greatest utilization of this source of funding?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think in my district most of them plan to use it for water, sewer, for some buildings for their equipment. I know I have a couple towns that have some kind of lean-tos now that they are putting some equipment in and they would like to use that for a building like that, just to put a decent building up for their equipment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Uh-huh.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But mainly for water and sewage and things like that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Uh-huh. Well, Mr. President and members, I'm going to listen to the debate on this bill and I know it goes back a number of years when we first entered into debate relative to how important it might be to local government to allow them to use local income...local sales tax. And I well recall one of the members saying, if they want to tax themselves, let them go ahead. And we have seen some erosion of the base there that has...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...caused us some concern. And so I'm just