

\$1,200,000 for the State of Nebraska to assist in the wastewater treatment? Not at all aesthetic, you know. A lot nicer to talk about putting up a new building or a new program or something of that nature. Let me tell you, and Senator Lynch is our in-house expert, that if you don't take care of the plumbing the rest of it is going to not be very much valuable to you...not have much value to you. And I recall talking with a friend of mine out in Colorado Springs who paid a tremendous amount of money for his water hookup and I said, how can you afford to pay \$3,000 to hook up your water? He said, what good is a \$150,000 house without water? Now someone says, what has that got to do with this proposal here. I think it has everything to do with it. We are the ones who lay down the criteria. We establish the standard. We say this is what's going to have to be done and we tell the cities they've got to do this and you've got to live up to certain standards, and if you violate those standards we're going to fine you. But then when we...once we have placed the responsibility in place, we walk away from it whistling and counting our change and saying, well, we're not going to commit and continue to fund that existing program. We found some new toys. We're going to build some new buildings. We're going to start some new programs, provide property tax relief. We're going to give back some property tax relief. Oh, yeah, you've got to take care of your own sewer and you've got to take care of your own storm water displacement, and you've got a whole bunch of other things you have to take care of. We will mandate a whole new series of programs in the schools that they must take care of. We'll mandate a whole series of new health care proposals that must be met by various entities of government, but we're not going to assist in those areas that we were originally responsible for. I would hope, ladies and gentlemen, that you would take a good hard look at this and decide if you really want to say, we're going to walk away from what was once a major responsibility of state and federal government and say it is no longer our responsibility and now it's in your lap. I think at this time, ladies and gentlemen, I've said enough. I would ask that you override the veto.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the portion of LB 813 explained by Senator Schmit be overridden? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read as found on pages 2744-45 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.