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state, \$8,894,000 and cities, \$2,204,000 for a total of \$11,000,000. Folks, this is a big item when we're talking about funding for schools, increasing sales tax. You know, if these refunds are being given that average person or the renter...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...that Senator Schimek spoke about or Senator Smith in her hold harmless, these people are paying it. One other thing, we get business in Nebraska, all of us. In March of 1990, if you will notice the percentage of city sales from November '88 to November of '89, Omaha is down 1 percent. Lincoln is up 1.6, Columbus up 8.4, Grand Island 11.4, Ogallala 7.1. Most of these communities that I just mentioned are not recipients of LB 775. On that same thing, business in Nebraska, city business index November of 1989 changed from a year ago. Omaha is down 2 percent, and let's go back up, Grand Island gained 1.5 percent, Nebraska City 5.9, Lexington 7.4. My point is, is we're giving away a tremendous amount of sales tax dollars that again...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR NELSON: ...reverts back to property tax without receiving the equal benefits.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard Stevens, for discussion purposes. Thank you. Senator McFarland, for discussion purposes. Senator McFarland. There are no other lights on. Senator Nelson, would you like to close?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, with that comment, it's something that I thought that should be brought out. I do not want to belabor LB 1059. I am a supporter of it but this is something that the body needs to be aware of and this is all property tax dollars. It's right out of the pocket of each and every one of us and the recipients are not the average person up and down the street. And with that, I ask for this amendment to be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is withdrawn. Have you items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, a resolution by Senator Pirsch designating April 22 to 28 as Victims Rights Week in Nebraska. That will be laid over. (LR 379.) I've also received two study