

amendment and the funds for Crawford and Harrison, Sioux County, Box Butte, and the rest of those. I think one of the things to keep in mind here, the way I look at the fully funding, but the disasters that have come more or less back to back to this area through a forest fire and now through a flood, that they have had more than most communities can bear. They are...the population is sparse. They do not have the recovery, the availability for recovery that many other areas would. And, again, keeping in mind that there has been back to back disasters in that area, that I would urge the body to support the amendment.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Hillman. Any other discussion on the amendment by Senator Moore? Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to discuss the amendment?

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise, and I was just talking to Senator Moore about this situation, and it is very unfortunate. Last summer and spring you will recall that the community which I live in, Sutton, was hit by a tornado, had...twice was hit with floods, and I was just asking Senator Moore how we go about getting these funds because I don't recall that the community of Sutton or Clay County got all their damages covered by the state. And, Senator Moore, could you answer that question for me? I am interested in the parallel of this particular case or this situation, which is very unfortunate, but with previous cases, such as our circumstance that we had in Sutton, Nebraska last summer...

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Moore, would you respond please?

**SENATOR R. JOHNSON:** ...when we suffered substantial damage as well.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Senator Johnson, I don't know off the top of my head if, indeed, Clay County qualified for those funds. I know that the Lawrence area did, and I don't know the answer. But if, indeed, they were one of them that did, the only difference is in that case the local communities, on a comparable type damage to public entity, the local communities, if FEMA money was qualified for, the FEMA money did pay for 75 percent, there was a nonfederal match of 25 percent. In those cases, and the Governor's emergency fund came with 12 1/2 and those local governments came with the other 12 1/2. And so this would be different, that would be different than this situation.