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SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Moore, first I would like to make a comment. As I understand the MIRE program is distributed to municipalities according to population. Is that correct?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. And then it's distributed twice a year, semiannually?

SENATOR MOORE: Twice a year, semiannually, yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I had a couple calls over the weekend saying...from mayors of the small towns, saying that if their amount didn't come to \$2,000, well, they wouldn't receive any money. Now, is this correct?

SENATOR MOORE: No, I don't...I don't understand the question. No, is the way I'm going to answer but...

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, let me rephrase the question. I had a couple calls this weekend and one mayor said that if their amount of money that they was to receive under the MIRE program didn't amount to \$2,000, well, they wouldn't receive anything.

SENATOR MOORE: No, that is...that's not true.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: There's some...I mean, there's a city that gets \$28, \$14 twice a year and so whatever amount they get, now they get.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: And this bill does not change that. There was some discussion of a minimum amount but that is in this bill in any way, shape or form.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. So then, in other words, all cities and villages will receive the same percentage even if we cut this back one and a half million dollars a year?