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that's going to go back to the State of Nebraska. Now I think if you'll look at any capital construction project in this state, there's nobody being asked to cut one-third. One-third of your budget is a big cut no matter whether you're a large city, small city, you're getting these funds on a per capita basis. Now this is my last amendment. I know they mentioned that I've been trying, this would make 5 million this morning with my amendments. But I'm not going to try to cut any other budgets. These are I think very important projects. The last amendment I think was very important to the nursing homes. This one is very important to our cities, whether you're a rural or an urban city, it's very important. They cannot continue to go back anyplace else. They're up against the lid, many of our cities, they have no place else to go to give these services, to do some of these things for the people that live in their cities. We're not asking a big sacrifice here from the State of Nebraska. Senator Cudaback said we made this commitment, it's a 20-year program. We're only in the third year. We just got started with this program. A lot of cities have bond, a lot of cities have used these funds to do some things. They are putting it in and they are paying off these bonds. I think it's a project that we need to stick behind. All of our towns are having problems. You go through some of these rural towns, you go up and down main street, a lot of empty buildings. They don't have the base there that they had before. They have no place else to go to get these funds to do some of these things that wouldn't get done otherwise. So I think it's very important to our cities. I think a lot of the mayors have contacted several of the senators. It's just another way that we can help Nebraska cities to stay viable, to do some things for the people in their towns and I would urge you to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman and members, once again we become embroiled in whether or not it's good business to try to take away that which is promised. I'm not sure who was speaking. Someone said we should put our money where our mouth is on this issue. The facts are, as is often the case with the Legislature and every other elected politician, we have much more mouth than we have money. And it works two ways. It works in this kind of a situation here where we said we are going to do something for 20 years and now the second year of the operation we come back and we begin to whittle away at it. I'm one of the four others