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Cigarette tax money is collected across the whole state, it should be put out across the whole state, and this MIRF program does that. We're not asking for an awful lot with this amendment, we're just asking that we get a figure in the MIRF program so the cities know where they're at, so they don't have to raise local taxes in order to fulfill their obligations. And, with that, I would urge you to support the amendment that will take \$500,000 a year for this program for the next 18 years. Thank you.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We still have members who have not checked in. We're under call. Senator Robak, Senator Robinson, Senator Lynch, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schellpeper, would you like to go ahead? We're missing one member. We'll proceed with the vote. All members supporting the amending of...with Senator Schellpeper's amendment signify by saying aye, or voting aye, opposed...We've had a request for a roll call in reverse order. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken in reverse order. See page 142 of the Legislative Journal.) 24 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: The amendment is not adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. The next amendment I have is by Senator...

SENATOR CONWAY: Call is raised.

CLERK: ...Ashford. (Ashford amendment appears on page 142 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment changes the implementation date of the bill from...to January 1st, 1984 (sic). It results in a...reduces a cut by one-half of the first year's cut, which would be \$750,000. It gives the municipalities an opportunity to adjust to the cut and, I suppose arguably, gives the Legislature an opportunity to take a look at the issue again in the next biennium. And, with that, I would just move the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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