

are hurting the rest of...everybody in the entire state, our cities, and that they may have to raise some taxes locally because they are committed to some projects in their hometowns. At this time I will withdraw the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Moore would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I wasn't going to speak but certainly don't want to have Senator Schellpeper get the only word in today. I passed out and this is as good a time as any, as you may have heard the hospital lawsuit that was announced that was settled this morning, I passed out the press release and the numbers to what that is. I've passed out the financial status. It reminds me of the country western song, "One Step Forward and Two Steps Back." You know, we're here to cut the budget and we keep adding things to it. I think it's a little frustrating. But just to understand if there's some notion that you don't have to make cuts, everything is going to solve itself by January, you can forget about that. If you don't make this cut now, it's the type of cut you'll have to talk about in January. And see, I guess it's one of those things we know the ramifications. We certainly know the ramifications of it now. I think to make sure everybody can plan ahead for it we ought to take this cut now. I think we've had plenty of discussion on the impact of it. The one thing, I've had a couple of questions, there was some confusion with Senator Ashford's amendment the other day, some people thought, well, if we just solve Omaha's problem, well, that is true. The only thing is Omaha budgets on a calendar year basis. And so had we cut the payment off July 1, their December payment that they would have already budgeted for would not have come in. Now to solve Omaha's problem, what we did with the Ashford amendment was give everybody December payment and so Omaha gets their full payment for next budget year, but the other 531 communities that get money instead of getting no money for the '93-94 fiscal year, they will get the first half of the payment. So everybody gets the same amount of money. But for Omaha the way their budget flows they get their money in December, everybody gets the same amount of money. Omaha is not being treated special because their budget is different. We add that