

head-on as I would like to. The small towns use property. The big towns use sales tax. So we are really not hurting the big town here. They won't know it. They won't know it. So, and they call me on the phone, say why are you picking on the smaller communities? What do I say? I don't know. I really don't know what to tell them. Are we picking on the smaller communities? Some say we are. If we are capping them at 45 cents, they want to have a swimming pool in town, if they want to have a street superintendent, or if they want to have a backhoe or whatever, we are talking about small, small communities here, that all they have on their mind is to survive. All they want to do is survive, my friends, that's all. And many, many of them will not survive. I hate to say read my lips, but they will not survive. They can't because they can't compete with the Wal-Marts, the K-Marts. The businesses are gone. Drive down main streets. Drive down. I have 18 towns in my district and most of them are smaller communities, boarding the windows up. I have a town up here by Eddyville, we went through one of the businesses after they boarded up here two years ago. The kids are just knocking out the windows, knocking down the ceilings, and everything is caving in. Why? Because the folks are going to Kearney, Overton, not necessarily Overton because they are a smaller community as well, but Lexington and shop. They have a sales tax. They are benefitting from us. I know I'm reiterating here, this has been said before, but the Revenue Committee has come up with this package and I appreciate it, and I think they expect it...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...probably to be overhauled or debated, and that's what we're doing here, but I'd just like to have somebody tell me how we give the villages a tool to survive. In about six years or four years, we will see another state senator, whether it'd be me, whether it'd be Senator Kristensen, or whether it'd be Owen Elmer, or whether it'd be Ed Schrock again, maybe Ed will be gone again. Who knows? Hate to pick on him but, you know, he could be gone again. It's true. We will lose someone else. Why? Because they're moving this way. Let's give our small towns another tool to survive and don't try to make it too difficult for us. If they want to have \$3, I guess they'll have \$3 sales tax or property tax so with that I guess I'll close. And I guess Schrock's gone now so maybe he's