

review as we begin implementation, and look for rough spots that are in need of changes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I've always been a strong supporter of 1177. In light of what happened with the other two bills, the way they have worked through and that have passed, I think it is very important that we have 1177 out there to help these small towns. In visiting with several of the small towns in my district, they see this as a way that they can get some revenue to help replace what they have lost with the other two bills. They don't have any chance to put a sales tax in their local community like the larger towns do, so I think it's very important that we have some funds going to these small towns so that they can also have some funds coming in. Currently they...everybody has to shop in these small towns...I mean, in the large towns from the small towns. So it's only fair, I think, that some of this revenue would come back to some of these small towns. If you had a sales tax in some these towns like Stanton, you wouldn't raise enough to probably mow the grass on the parks because there's just...there's no business there anymore. There's people living there, but there's just no business to raise any local sales tax. But I think this is a way that we can get some revenue to our small towns. I think it's a bill that has to be part of the package, and would urge the body to support LB 1177. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I won't take a lot of time here, but I guess I'm one of those kind of people who want my cake and eat it too. I didn't vote for the last two bills. The committee has certainly done their amount of work, and they certainly had good intentions. I hope that I will have to eat crow down the road. I certainly think that 1177 is a bill that might help us in a situation now whereas these two bills did pass. We do want help from the larger cities to flow down to our smaller towns like I represent. I have...most of my communities do not have the people or the business to support a sales tax and would not generate any money, so I do hope 1177 is there for a reason, that...and I certainly hope that it will work, and the intentions of the Revenue Committee flows through to help these communities who would be hurt by the legislation