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example, if you're looking at in terms of how close they are to their levy limits. So, with that, I have presented you with that idea and, with that, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I'd withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Beutler, but Senator Beutler, I believe, wants to withdraw AMO583.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, is that your desire?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Redfield. Senator Redfield would offer AMO571. (See amendment on page 788 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Redfield, you are recognized to open on your motion to LB 142.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I am asking you to consider an amendment which was brought to me by the city of Omaha and the county of Douglas in the state of Nebraska. Now, while I stated earlier I clearly, clearly think that the formula that the Revenue Committee has put together for the entire state is a good one and is a good public policy and I support it, I was asked by the city of Omaha and the county to bring an amendment to you asking you to switch only in a county which has a metropolitan class city the formula for counties and cities. Now the reason that they are asking for this is because in that one county 83 percent of the people live within the city limits of Omaha. Therefore, the city bears a great deal of the cost for roads and all of the other responsibilities which government provides. The county does not need the money. And if you would have told me a month ago that a government would come to me and say, I don't need the money, you can give it to somebody else, I would have said I don't think this is possible. But, in fact, that is exactly what