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uses, the 30 percent that would go to communities like mine.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you speak into the mike, Senator Vrtiska, please.

SENATOR VRTISKA: What are those other uses? And here, let me...before you answer, let me explain to you, I have not studied this bill as...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator, would you speak into the mike, Senator Vrtiska. We cannot hear you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you. I have not understood this bill as well as I should have and I need to sit down and spend a couple hours reading it and try to understand it, but it's more helpful for those who are promoting this to explain it to me because it's easier for me to understand when it's laid out and what the real issue is. So one of the questions that I'd like to have you explain to me, because you made the comment that 30...30 percent of this money would go to other communities for other uses. Now would you explain to me what the other uses would be. I mean give me some...some...some idea of what you're...what you meant when you said that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: I would be happy to do that, Senator. Toward the end of the bill, and I'm looking at the committee amendment here, in Section 18 and Section 19, any municipality or county can apply for a grant of assistance from the fund and they make an application to the department to receive assistance. They have to match the funds and the evaluation of the particular application is based on, and this is probably the one that you're looking for the most, number one, attraction impact, which means the likelihood of the project attracting new cultural, civic, or convention activity to Nebraska from outside of Nebraska. A project with greater out-of-state draw shall be preferred over a project with less impact. So, for example, if I can give you an example that I was thinking of earlier, is Indian Cave State Park in your district?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.