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legislation, to \$1 million. These cities which could utilize additional appropriate funds include La Vista, South Sioux City, Beatrice, Scottsbluff, Papillion, Hastings, Columbus, Norfolk, North Platte, Fremont, Kearney, Bellevue and Grand Island. This is, of course, a list of cities which could, with voter approval, take advantage of the changes proposed in LB 1258 today. This list will of course grow to include many other cities across the state. Given the extreme nature of this situation, the Urban Affairs Committee has prioritized LB 1258. I would give my thanks to that committee and to its Chair, Senator Paul Hartnett, for his assistance and advice. Senator Hartnett originally worked on this act and his advice has been invaluable. Finally, I would like to point out to the body that the Governor's office supports this change and sees it as an opportunity to give more local decision-making options to the voters of this state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. For the discussion on the advancement of LB 1258, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Vice President (sic), members of the...or vice...vice, yeah, whatever you are, Lieutenant Governor, (laugh), sorry,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: It varies from day to day.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...I tried to promote you, Senator (sic)...I simply rise to support this measure that was brought forward by Senator Aguilar. It...three people...all committee members supported the bill in committee. It...what it does, it's a good...I think it's a good economic package because it requires, in the case of the cities that he outlined, that they have to go back to the vote of the people to get approval before anything is done. They have to present an economic package to the...before people have to approve it, and there is an oversight committee. So with that, I simply rise strongly to support LB 1258.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Aguilar, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to