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municipality or village whatever it wants and to be so weak-kneed that whenever a group comes in here saying, well, you gave us this last time, that's not enough, and we had an argument out there and we got a new guy on the council and he says we need nine instead of seven and we want the Legislature to give us what we want or we're going to cry. I say, well, cry, cry, cry. And I'd give them a copy of Johnny Cash's first song that made it big. And it was one of the worst songs he ever made, based on what he said, but it struck a chord in the public. These kinds of issues are not going to be determined by me simply because Senator Mines has expertise in small-town affairs. I appreciate that. And if an issue comes up where such expertise is going to be helpful to me in making a decision, I'm going to go straight to Senator Mines, and I'm going to say, Senator Mines, you're the expert on this and I want your judgment. And then I'll make a determination of what my judgment ought to be. But when it comes to functioning as a legislator, I will not take a back seat to anybody. And I think it would behoove a lot of us to read the constitution and see what the powers and duties of the Legislature are, and understand that we can abolish these cities if we choose to. They do not have a separate and independent existence. They are not miniature states. County boards are not miniature states. And it shows how little understanding we, as senators, have when we let these people come trotting in here, through their organization, and say, you've given us unfunded mandates. We can give them anything we want to. They are the handmaidens of the Legislature, the servants of the Legislature. They have certain powers, rights, and duties delegated to them by the Legislature, and those functions will be carried out because the Legislature is the momma and the daddy, the cities and the counties are the children. And those who held positions in cities, on school boards, bring the same notion and attitude in the Legislature. And I'm sure they've never dealt with anybody like me anywhere in their city or anywhere in their experience. So I'd just like to let people know in the beginning that their expertise qualifies them in a very small area, but they're on a little bigger stage now. Not a world stage. This is just the Legislature of the state of Nebraska, which is, as a state, in decline because its football team had a losing season. But I think it might rise again, so all is not lost. I'm looking at