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pick on that one and say that doesn't apply to all municipalities, or that's aid to municipal subdivisions, let's take that away. But the point is basically this, I think; that we should be looking at all of these things together. That's what the Appropriations Committee did and that's what you'll have the opportunity to do when the Appropriations Committee bill comes forward. All of these things here can come up again. They can be measured against what the Appropriations Committee has done, and should be measured against it. But to sit here and pick each other apart on the basis of one identified item at a moment in time outside of the context and the exploration of the overall effect of the budget cuts on a particular city or a particular class, municipalities, or on state agencies as compared to aid to local political subdivisions or aid to individuals, really doesn't make a lot of sense to me, and I hope it doesn't make a lot of sense to you. Rural fire districts, there are provisions to take care of rural fire districts that larger municipalities don't benefit from. You could get into that. But...well, I guess I made the point that is to be made. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I stand in support of this, obvious, because we had spent eight hours debating this when it was here on the floor a couple years ago, and I thought it was an unwise move then and I'm sure it would be a wise move now to do away with it. I understand that there's some problems and I certainly don't want to pick on the people in Lincoln, but the truth of the matter of it is, when we had this bill, we tried to...I think Senator Janssen spent a lot of time trying to put up amendments to help out some, Fremont and some of those cities in his district; we're going to start spending state dollars to take care of local city's problems. But I understand. They got the votes. They got 33 votes, because we had to go to cloture on the filibuster we were doing on that bill. So the time has come now to make a decision, and I feel like that if we're looking for money, and obviously we need money, we should take it where we can find it, and to me this is one of the places we can find the money. I'm sure there are other places. I don't know what Senator Chambers intends to