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this case, the city of Lincoln had used those funds to bond against. So in reaction then, we cut the state aid to cities of \$3 million each year. That's where it is at this point, and I know there's following amendments that are going to work us through this dilemma and, as Senator Thompson said, there is actually three choices that you can do. We'll see what the first amendment does that comes into this play, because I am willing to accommodate, in my case, and I think the committee would, to accommodate Lincoln's problem versus the city of Omaha, the city of metro versus and the other states. And I'll let Senator Beutler...I think is Senator Beutler's coming up first?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. I'll let Senator Beutler go from there. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening on Appropriations Committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler has AM1590.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars (sic), you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd pull that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1661. (Legislative Journal page 1544.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars (sic), you're recognized to open on AM1661.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that, once you understand the facts, I think it will be clear to you what the two choices are, so I'm going to try to labor a little slowly to hopefully explain to