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not specifically MIRF, because they wanted the flexibility to make improvements throughout the city, not just to a specific project, why is it that Lincoln, in my opinion, wants some form of preferential treatment? If you could respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Oh, I didn't give him my time, Senator Cudaback. I just wanted him to answer the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler. (Laughter) Like I said, you have two minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bourne, let me say this. In order to understand this whole debate, you have to understand that a third force came into the debate. At the beginning, it was a question of how to both accommodate Lincoln and the other cities, and that has been resolved and I will go into that a little bit if you would...

SENATOR BOURNE: You're saying that it's been resolved? How do...so you're saying that all the other cities that receive MIRF money are okay with Lincoln continuing to receive it but they can't?

SENATOR BEUTLER: They are content with Lincoln continuing to receive it and they can't, but the...there is the other state aid fund, Senator, and Lincoln is not going to benefit in the same way that they will by the restoration of the other state aid.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So that's going to even out...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and all of the cities, in the end, will be treated the same. I need to tell you that hopefully what we need to debate is the third force, and the third force is the League of Municipalities which above...with...well, first of