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readily as you can in your other committees, but that's the way it's set up. So once we have a...our committee is obligated to fund whatever laws that this state passes. So here we are at this point and I'm going to support Senator Beutler's committee, because I think we have...or amendment, because we have this commitment. And if they've gone ahead and done this through 2009, then I think we have an obligation to keep it there. Now it solves a problem here for two more years in terms of doing what we need to get...takes the cut. It does mean that there's another day in another budget year or another budget...biennium budget in two years out that this same argument can be discussed. At that point, we will decide do we restore \$3 million in aid through aid to cities, or do we continue it through MIRF? We are going to have that opportunity to do. Obviously, there's many who would want to keep that commitment in MIRF because they bonded against it. Others want to maybe have it in aid to municipalities because there's a little broader ability to use that money in straight aid to cities. And going back, you wonder why we have aid to counties, aid to cities and NRDs, that goes back 30 years when we got rid of personal property tax, and that was the approximate amount of money that was committed to those, and those are both on, by the way, on page 38 and 39. That's how we got there. That was replacing personal property tax lost. Now you can see what we've done to it if you read through that. We've cut those and cut those. But the original idea was to replace personal property tax that was lost under that agreement in the seventies. So back to this. I'm going to support this amendment and I think you should consider it too if you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...believe in keeping those commitments. And we can adjust through aid to cities in the future, if that's what it takes. If we need to cut...want to cut in two more years, if we have this same dilemma, if you want to cut aid to cities for any reason whatever, you can take it out of aid to cities but we'll keep our commitments in the MIRF. And it shows to me what happens. We made that commitment back in '92, '93, '94, I don't remember when we did it, but once we've done it you have that commitment to keep it, and I'm reluctant to break that