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to...we try to make accommodations to, you know, individual situation and then...and I'm kind of like Senator Bourne. He's...his...I'm kind of undecided what I want to do with this, because will we be better or will the Legislature, will the state be in better funds, you know, in two years to continue the MIRF, or will we not be? That's the question. And we'll probably face the Lincoln situation again because their bonds run till 2009.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So I'm going to continue to listen. Thank you. I will give the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...give the time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We're talking about a program that has been used to pledge security and we're talking about whether or not it should continue till 2005, till 2009, whether it should go away today, but I guarantee you if we say that in 2005 it should go away, that people will then come back and say, but we've pledged these funds, but we've pledged these funds toward 2009, and it will always be a difficult cutoff point. Senator Beutler said that Senator Thompson should come back and make her case as to whether, in fact, we should eliminate. In zero-based budgeting, each program would come in and they would argue their case as to why it should remain in our budget, and that's exactly why we find ourselves in the bind that we are with our budget because, in fact, we have created obligations and we've said, once it's started it can never go away. Now I'm always an advocate for as much local control as possible, but with that local control goes local responsibility, local responsibility for raising the taxes from the local citizen so that they, in fact, can make the choice about what services they want and what services they want to pay for. And that's a good way for America to be run. It