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majority of them be cities that have got contracts or things that they wanted to do with these funds and were in anticipation of receiving them? How many of those would be crippled by this? And I would probably like to direct that to Senator Mines, if you have any information on that, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, will you respond?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, Mr. President. Senator, could you repeat your question, I'm sorry.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, the question that I have that I would like you to address is other cities throughout the state, will they be affected by this if they do not receive money for a couple years? Do they have contracts that they had anticipated on receiving these funds and are trying to do some things with it?

SENATOR MINES: Well, certainly, cities that receive MIRF and plan on MIRF pledged those funds, either directly or indirectly, and again I'm awaiting information from my city on whether or not we've pledged our MIRF funds in our bonding. But other cities count on this and rely on MIRF funding. And so they do...in one way or another, will pledge those monies for certain projects.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: This is what I was thinking was happening, whether it's not with the bonding process or not, but I'm sure there are programs that are started and initiated because of these funds that are coming. So I think we ought to be...should be very considerate of that also, not just because of one municipality that is going to feel a major crunch on it. So I am listening and I'm trying to get my thoughts together as to how I will support, if I support this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Hartnett. Is Senator Hartnett on the floor? I do not see the senator. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am advising or requesting that you support the Appropriations