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It's kind of hard for them to sit back there and see needs that should be done, and not being able to use those funds that are available to them. I probably...I have...the county that I live in and represent I would say are the most frugal county board in the state. Look at what they levy. They are on the bottom. They are one...they are...either are or are right next to the lowest levying county in the state of Nebraska. They would be in favor of this. They...would they abuse it? No, they wouldn't. And I think that Dodge County does a fine job. But if they got between a rock and a hard spot, with a 75 percent vote of that county board, they should be able to use those dollars that are available to them. And I'll quit with that. And I want you to remember that it is a supermajority. Those funds are there. And with that, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Mines, if there's any left.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. There's a minute and 50 seconds, Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Raikes, I just...I had some of this prepared ahead of time. But it's interesting that this budget, or this amendment probably wouldn't be before us today. I think in Revenue you were looking at a 10 percent cut in aid to counties and cities to begin with. And right now they're faced with 32 percent state aid cuts on the city level, and 39 percent in the...from the counties. And all this will do is allow them to recapture some of the sales tax increases that they normally would turn back, and would allow them to spend it. And I think the correlation between school aid and cities and county aid is different. They are different formulas. So it...we are looking at some different issues. And obviously, I think you've got a legitimate concern about the germaneness of this. I believe that we've...we're in the...it's the next logical sequence to the subject matter of LB 540. Same and similar sections are being amended. And AM1660 amends both that section and another section, 13-519, that's the same article and the same section amended by LB 540. So I think we're in the same sections. We're talking about similar issues. It...I believe that this is germane to LB 540, and again would ask for the adoption of AM1660. Thank you again, Senator Jensen...Janssen.