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like that. In 2001, instead of around \$20,000, Columbus received \$99,000, so that was an addition of about 70-some thousand dollars. In 2003...2002, Columbus, each quarter, got around \$30,000, and that year they got \$74,000. So it is a large amount of dollars that Columbus was receiving on this extra benefit portion of it and, you know, and I respect the fact that it is...it is dollars that are not, you know, not promised or anything like that, but it is going to have some effect on them. But, you know, after studying these figures I'm taking a little bit of a different look at it, but I just thought I'd give you these figures for comment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Jensen, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think I have it figured out. First of all, the Legislature giveth, the Legislature taketh away. But in this process, if...particularly if you're in a city that collects a sales tax, if you're in a city that has construction, particularly remodeling, going on, there is a windfall that happened by the passage of LB 759. Now with this, this will take some of those dollars that would have gone to the cities and now would go into the General Fund. Is Senator Raikes...would he be available for a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't know if you heard my comments.

SENATOR RAIKES: I didn't, I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, it's just that with the passage of LB 759 this morning and with the fact that if you have remodeling going on in your city, that there will be a windfall to those cities because of that extra sales tax. Is that correct?

SENATOR RAIKES: That is correct.