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versus counties versus schools. This is about fairness. And it is my perception, and the perception of those municipalities, that the cuts to cities and villages are significant, more than significant. Certainly, you can argue either side of this. I believe that this amendment returns that authority to cities, and at least brings some semblance of help back to those localities. Property taxes are going to go up. If LB 622 is advanced, property taxes are going up in cities and villages. Property taxes are going up in those that are not up against that 45-cent lid. And several hundred are against that 45-cent lid. I just ask you to think about the small towns and villages in your district that are in fact impacted. They are part of that 12 percent of the population that is taking a significant hit. And I would ask for your support of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines and Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen, did you wish to have the remaining time, Senator Janssen? He does not wish to use it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Just...yes. Just a little bit. How much time is left, Senator Cudaback?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have about 35 seconds.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Thank you. Well, we...you know, I have found out that, you know, there are cities that do...that do figure this into their budgets. It isn't something that they take and is just over and above. They figure that into their budget also. So what we have been hearing, that it is just extra added money, isn't quite necessarily so. I think the city of Omaha figures it that way. Several of the other larger cities also figure that in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator...

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...on their budgets. All right. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...Janssen. Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the closing on the motion to return LB 622 for a specific amendment. The question before the body is, all in