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it. I mean, again, I've went down this road where I looked at a similar amendment with Norm Jackman and Bob Sink from the city of Omaha, but this is a little bit different. This is not what I was fed by them. So I, to be quite honest, I'm a little confused. One more point here. And I spoke of the federal government's unconstitutional intervention. Here's the passionate part to me. This is a violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution. Senator Landis has brought up before, other people have brought up before, we deal with unfunded federal mandates on a daily basis, and then we throw up our hands and say, well, got to deal with it,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...can't do anything about it. How long are we going to be...how long are we going to have to do that? Our local taxes keep going up. Our local elected officials keep telling us that they still don't have enough money to hire police officers or take care of the neediest members of our society. That's because our local governments are allocating an exorbitant amount of their budgets to pay for federal mandates. We need to force the restoration of direct federal cost sharing right now, or give the state and local governments greater authority to develop their own timetables for implementing federal standards. Senator Schrock pointed out, we've been dealing with this for three years. Maybe we need a couple more years to deal with it. We just got off a \$790 million shortfall. Now we're supposed to pay for this? Good luck, folks. I don't know what to tell you. I'll tell you this, I will probably give him a vote on the amendments, but after that, it's a free-for-all. I cannot tell you what I'll do. I think it should go back to the localities. They have the authority right now. Let them deal with it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR FRIEND: I don't know what else to tell you. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the