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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yeah. We're not cutting it back necessarily, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Of how it...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: We're carrying out the existing law and that's...

SENATOR KREMER: No, I know it's not cutting back the dollars...

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yeah.

SENATOR KREMER: ...but just how they'll be able to be used in a certain way.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: So thank you, Senator Pederson. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM1438, Senator Kruse, followed by Senator Engel.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. Senator Mines, I have good news and bad news. (Laugh) We'll go with the good news first. It is true that in the past, previous to the time that we are focusing on here, that quite a bit more aid was given to the cities, and that needs to be a part of our thinking and of our record. You can find it on page 41 in the "Lamb's Book of Life" here, the huge one. And for those of you that are looking at it, aid to municipalities, you have to add those two together. You will see that in '03, we were giving \$16 million instead of the \$11 million. And in '02, it was right at \$20 million. So there's more that was given. Now I invite you to turn the page and see what's happening to the counties. On page 42, the jail reimbursements remained steady, so just kind of ignore that, but the aid to counties and property tax relief, which now runs at about \$5 million, was, combining those two, \$13 million in '02. That's the good news. In the old days we did that. The bad news is that my memory is