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to relieve property tax in the state of Nebraska. And it was temporary relief, as we all know, because anything you hear, any complaints you hear from people is property tax, what they're paying for property taxes now. And as far as this MIRF situation, you know, some of us have selective memory, some of us have fuzzy memories, and...but my memory, whatever it's at in between there, is I do not recall promising this restoration. I do remember at the time when we...the city of Lincoln thought that these had to be restored in order to cover their bonding. Well, that is not true. It wound up that they...I mean, they did not tell us something that wasn't true, they were under the assumption they needed that, but we found out that was not necessary, so they did not put...and they mentioned that to us. So they did not utilize that as far as forcing us to...try to force us to continue on with MIRF. But over the years, as far as these tax shifts and so forth, you know, like aid to cities, aid to counties, NRDs, et cetera, et cetera, who have other means of getting...raising funds through...for property tax, sales tax, et cetera, so many times they shift that burden back to the state. They want more money from the state so they don't have to do what have...what they should be doing locally, like looking for more efficiencies. You know, in the last three years, what we've gone through here, with all the cuts we've had to make, all the efficiencies we've had to look for, and we have to continue to look for those efficiencies. But they have to do that on a local basis, too. They have to find out what's necessary to run a government, to have a good safe environment, to furnish the utilities and the amenities they actually need in a city and a county, et cetera, et cetera, and what are nice to have. And some of those nice things you're going to have to put on the back burner and leave them there, because people cannot afford those anymore. So therefore, I think...and I don't blame them for looking for more money, more money, more money, more money, but there's a point when I think we have to just say no. And I think there's a point when they have to say no. I served on school board and county board and we've had to do that in the past, and I think they have to get a little better at it here in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Thompson, followed by Senator Raikes, on AM1438.