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know, about how Senator Bourne and Senator Beutler's discussion and what we did and what we promised everybody. I don't know if we're going to be able to hammer that one out. I would just say I would submit respectfully that we talk about, is this the right amount and is this the right time? And if you think it's politically motivated, you know, maybe you're going to come to a different conclusion than me. With that, again, I would say that I reluctantly support AM1438, but I'd like to talk about the numbers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Mines, on your amendment.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I take a different approach than my colleague, Senator Friend. This isn't politically motivated. When you look at the intent...when you look at the amendment, look at the amendment we passed two years ago on Senator Thompson's bill, and it clearly says that it's a temporary reduction, or temporary elimination of MIRF, two years. That's what 28 of us in this body voted on. Most of...most, all but like three of you are still here. So now it's two years later, and municipalities are expecting to be made whole. They suffered along with the state through our difficult times. They agreed, take us out for \$3 million a year for two years. We'll help you out. Well, now it's time to come back and honor our agreement. This isn't political in...in my mind, it's not political. Let's, aside...Lincoln and Omaha aside, let's look at the other 530 municipalities in this state. One hundred sixty have sales tax, and by broadening that sales tax, they received benefit. Four hundred municipalities, approximately, have no sales tax so they took the hit on MIRF and now they're not able to recoup that investment. Could they have a sales tax? Sure they could. Would it generate much revenue? Not really, not in a lot of these smaller communities. And Senator Kruse was kind enough to point out on page 41 of the book...now you can argue this round, you can argue it flat, you can argue whatever you want to argue. My basic premise is that