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the request is for half of the money that they were requesting on the General File, and we turned that down. I don't know how many of you have ever heard of Rasputin. I mentioned him during the discussion about commissions and how they never seem to go Well, Rasputin was sort of the power behind the czar in Russia and people felt if they could take care of him, they could take care of the problems that Russia had. So a group took him out, they shot him, they stabbed him, they poisoned they attempted to drown him, but he came back. And I have that same feeling about this particular issue. And so here we go again. Now we're talking about MIRF money again, and it's based upon, as was said by someone, a misunderstanding. was never any agreement. Neither Roger Wehrbein nor myself, as respective Chairs of the Appropriations Committee during the discussion on this matter, said that there was any agreement. The Governor and I signed a letter to the city of Omaha, copy to the city of Lincoln, saying there was no agreement. But we are attempting to recreate an agreement. And I would have thought that if a city was going to make moves based upon something as convoluted as has been just described, that certainly someone would have come to us for clarification and said, is this...is this okay? Shall we go forward based upon something? Well, nobody did that. And apparently the cities, particularly the city of Omaha, has gone forward with things based upon a faulty And I think that it's a mistake for us to characterize, Senator Mines, this as being similar to what we just did with the counties. This is about 180 degrees different. With the counties we had a statutory obligation which we are fulfilling. The best that could be said about this particular issue is that the cities of Omaha and Lincoln, primarily, want additional money. They attempted to spend money based upon the hope that they were going to get some additional money. But, as Senator Redfield pointed out very clearly the other day, those cities haven't received any less money; they were just hoping to get more money. And I think that that is a poor way to respond and to go forward with the business of major cities. And I think that it is a mistake to say, now we have additional money, therefore, let's give the cities money. is not the issue involved in this case. If we have money now, that doesn't mean that that's a green light to go ahead and spend that money. I think that we have to be very prudent. And