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if you look at your fiscal note that's on the agenda for today you will see that, yes, we have money today. Now, they haven't figured in the economic incentives in the bottom line yet, and we still have other things that will need to be spent, but look at...look at the end of the next biennium and see where we are, and it's going to be a very serious hurdle. And I urge, and I will urge again those of you who are new to this Legislature, those of you who will have an additional two years after this biennium, which many of us will not have, remember that what you do now is going to impact what happens to the ability of the state to function appropriately two years from now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: So be very careful in the way that you do this. I would ask you to do as we did in General File, to reject this proposal. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Bourne is right, and Senator Pederson is able to point that out--convoluted, confusing issue. A lot of things happening in the last two years in order to make that water just muddy enough, just muddy enough to produce enough confusion to create a potential, I guess, budget snafu. What I would say is this. On General File I said a lot of things, and approaching citywide elections in Omaha, said a lot of things that I don't necessarily regret, but I truly believe...that I truly believe, I'm not going to...not going to go into a bunch of histrionics and go crazy on that aspect of it again. Another aspect of what I said, to move further in this discussion, is that I didn't believe that this argument was whether or not there was an agreement, an ironclad agreement, because clearly we've got a section or a sect of people out here that says it's just not the case, and statistical data, facts, to backing that up; another group that's saying, look, we've got cities that are saying, no, that is the case. But I don't think that's the reason we're here with this amendment. I said on General File, and I believe this, I think we need to talk about the