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transcripts...I don't want to put words in his mouth...he seems to agree that that was what the agreement was, and I appreciate him standing up and indicating that. I think that this is the right thing to do. I don't think it's spending money beyond what we can afford. But I think it just...it honors an obligation that we made in 2003 to help those cities, and these are cities all across Nebraska, not just in the eastern part of the state, respond to the lack of this money being available when they thought it was going to be. So I think it's a modest request. I appreciate Senator Pederson's comments. There are the members of the Appropriations Committee, as I understand it, that are going to support the amendment, and I would urge you to do so as well. It's a compromise. It's a scaled-down version, from what Senator Mines had. It's a one-time help, one-time hand up to those cities that are trying to fix this hole in their budget caused by the lack of this money or this money not coming back in 2005. With that, I'd urge your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I've served on the Appropriations ever since I've been in the Legislature, approximately 12 years now, and as far as this particular issue, I do not recall making a promise that we would continue this. So the difference between this and Senator Stuthman's statute...his amendment was I believe it's in statute, it's the bill we actually owe, so I felt we should pay that particular bill. As far as memories, there's four different kinds of memories. The normal memories, we forget things occasionally. There's the photographic memory where you don't forget a thing. There's selective memory, which some of us have. And then there's no memory. Well, I'm not accusing anybody of that, but we do have a problem with memories, because there are several different memories. Now the only thing is the...I've served long enough on Appropriations, I've been here in the good times, I've been here in the bad times. We're just coming out of some bad times. And again, we have extra money there, supposedly, right now. But the thing is that, being as it's there, everybody wants to spend it. Well, I don't think we have to