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about to reconvene. Please check in. Senators, the afternoon session is about to reconvene. Please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any announcements or items, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, please inform the body where we were when we recessed for lunch.

CLERK: Mr. President, when the Legislature recessed, Senator Bourne had pending AM1570 as an amendment to LB 425.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will continue with debate. There were a number of lights on. Keep the lights on. If you do not wish to speak, just say so. Senator Mines, you're first in order.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I won't speak to this again. I think we all understand what we're doing. And what we're asking of the body is whether an agreement was implied, or contractual, or statutory. The municipalities believed, two years ago, that MIRF would be reinstated. This body decided not...that that wasn't the course of action on an amendment I filed earlier. Senator Bourne has filed AM1570 to suggest that perhaps let's do it for one year...or, not perhaps. Let us...let's make the cities whole, not through the MIRF, but put it in the aid to cities. And it would be in the amount of \$2,450,000. I think it's the right thing to do. And cities have budgeted based on the restoring of MIRF. And I would simply ask that this body honor that commitment. Again, whether it was...it's statutory or contractual, cities believed at the time that it was a two-year holding on that promise. They agreed to two years. And now they are expecting to be made whole. So with that, Mr. President, I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. There is, or are,