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five hundred and some communities that receive money out of this fund. City of Alliance gets \$79,000. I'm just going to read some of the bigger ones. Beatrice is \$110,000; Bellevue is \$406,000; Columbus is \$185,000; Cozad, \$36,000; Dorchester, down at \$5,000; David City, \$22,000. There's a list of 532 cities that will benefit from this amendment. It will honor the agreement that the Legislature made two years ago. And these will be unrestricted funds. So the question that Senator Fischer asked, would it have to be used for infrastructure, it would not. It would not. It's actual aid to the cities, a one-time \$2.4 million increase. I think it's fair. I think it makes sense. I appreciate Senator Pederson's comments, but I truly believe that this was an agreement that we had made. And if I didn't think that agreement was made, we would have done something different on LB 440, I believe, the original bill. I apologize for the confusion. But make no doubt now, this is \$2.4 million, I think it's cigarette tax money, that would actually go to each and every community on this list, 532, they can use the way they like. I know a number of your cities have counted on this money coming and have set budgets that reflect that. And I think it makes sense for one time, \$2.4 million, to give this money to these communities, to make them whole. With that, Mr. President, I'd ask for a call of the house. And I'd like a roll call vote in regular order, please. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. The house is under call. And unauthorized personnel please leave the floor, because the house is under call. Senators, please check in. Senator Engel, would you check in, please? Thank you. Senator Johnson, would you please check in? Thank you. Senator Cornett, Senator Landis, Senator Thompson, and Senator...thank you. Senator Thompson and Senator Cornett. All members are present or