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SENATOR CHAMBERS: On what do you base that?

SENATOR FLOOD: Actually, I'll ask the questions, Senator Chambers. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Touche.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, would you please direct my witness to answer my question? (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you repeat the question, please?

SENATOR FLOOD: Is it true that the city of Omaha qualifies under a federal program to receive funding?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Maybe so and maybe not, but yes.

SENATOR FLOOD: And is it also true that other cities that aren't the size of Omaha, Bellevue, or Lincoln do not meet the requirements as identified earlier in testimony from Senator Redfield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Any city that does not meet the requirements does not meet the requirement, and cannot qualify.

SENATOR FLOOD: So if we look at all this money, Senator Chambers, and Omaha gets this federal funding to assist in its affordable housing efforts, it's received \$4.5 million, why do we want to make sure they get even more money in Omaha, and not in the rest of Nebraska?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because where the need is greatest, that's where you concentrate the efforts. And Omaha has those great needs. Plus, they generate so much of the money that's in this specific fund.

SENATOR FLOOD: And by your answer, I would trust that you visited all 93 counties and have conducted your own assessment of the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.