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believe we're in agreement--that local authorities do have some decision making over what would be best for their communities and how they could wisely use these dollars. Am I correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, I think I heard what you said. It wasn't easy for me to get it all. But you said that the local authorities should be able to make decisions as to how the money would be spent. Is that what you asked?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would agree.

SENATOR HOWARD: And are those local authorities ruled and governed, or are we, in fact, by the people that stand behind the glass?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say that again?

SENATOR HOWARD: Are we, are our decisions weighed and governed by the people that stand behind the glass and have particular agendas?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, they're weighed by those people, and sometimes they try to influence them, but I don't know exactly what you're asking me.

SENATOR HOWARD: Do you feel that as a legislator you act independently of that influence?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I know I do. Yes, I do.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you. Thank you. I think that's...and it's certainly an important consideration. And it is for me. I came down here to represent the people of Nebraska, and to really try to do what is the most productive and what offers the best solutions. That's not always easy, and it's not always simple. But I do support local jurisdiction. I do support local decision making. I support Senator Bourne's bill, and I thank you, I thank you, Senator Chambers, for assisting me with that information. I hope Senator Bourne perseveres here with