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that don't have the resources for investigating certain kinds of crimes. Well, you know, we're just going to squeeze them down and have to put more money and more resources into this because we didn't adequately fund this bill and we didn't provide a mechanism to be able to adjust the amount that it's actually going to cost when we get to the future years. It's going to have a budgetary impact. It's going to have an impact on law enforcement in the state. I sit on the Appropriations Committee. We heard about the drug task force issue, that, you know, the federal government has been cutting lots and lots of these grant programs. That's one of them. The urban areas, quite frankly, will probably get through it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...fine, not as well as they should probably, but everything outside of probably metro Omaha and Lincoln, this is going to create serious, serious problems. We didn't fund that. We didn't fund that. Now, the State Patrol can backup those communities. The State Patrol actually is also going to be squeezed by that very same thing. As Senator Stuthman said, maybe the State Patrol could use their cash funds to help the drug task forces. Well, they're not going to have those things as long as we keep piling on these additional duties without having it a wash. And this is an area where you got a tiny group of people who want this, they want to carry their guns wherever they go. I don't know why they can't carry pepper spray, which is more effective and less lethal, but, you know, they got to carry a gun. Okay, fine, then the costs of that shouldn't be borne by the rest of that agency in the other things that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...we require them to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Back to discussion, indefinitely postpone. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I