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committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Revenue Committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Discussion of the advancement of LB 904 itself? Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to speak for a moment in support of advancement, and ideas builds...your desire to have something done comes from many different sources, and in this particular instance, our city, like I expect so many cities, are really hurting for funds. And they are very anxious to get some additional revenue into Lancaster County and the city of Lincoln to help with the backlog. You heard described earlier, I had a bill, Senator Baker had a bill, there were different ideas in the Revenue Committee brought forth. LB 904 is a compromise; it's one of those things where nobody is completely happy. It wasn't done exactly in one form or the other, but it does direct funds to the cities and counties, and that was the most important thing, and that's being done and I think this is helpful to everybody. And I thank Senator Landis and Senator Baker for cooperating on all of this, and I think it will be good for everybody. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This was a bill that I did not support in the committee, and I thought I would comment a little bit on why. I've been interested in dealing with our issue of funding highways--roads and highways--provided that we were willing to do some reallocation, that we were not simply going to go to the taxpayers and ask for more money, keep everybody harmless, that sort of thing. I guess I think that we're at a stage, even though I think the case has been well made that this is an area of significant need, we can't just keep going to the taxpayers and asking for money. I think we do, in fact, need to