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SENATOR SCHROCK: The municipality, the city.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, who would the municipalities give it to?
I mean,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: They would use it with their...to implement
their plans.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, so they apply uniformly to a taxpayer
versus a nontaxpayer?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That type of thing?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right, um-hum.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And stretch it as far as they could,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and they could still increase their
property tax levy, too?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, this has nothing to do with that. But
if they...but I don't think this is...we're not talking about
big bucks for these municipalities, as far as...especially with
my amendment that would cut the funding in half for everything.
But it's...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Say that again.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I have an amendment that cuts the funding in
half for everything. I don't want to bring it, but I'm doing
it. But \$2.5 million a year for municipalities is a pittance of
what they need. But you know, Omaha and Lincoln have struggled
with Phase I. They're in Phase II now, and we have--I don't
know the number of cities--about 15 cities that are in Phase I.
They're going to be in Phase II in time.