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SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    So you see this as a supplement to their ability to use the tax levy?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    Yes, yes. A supplement,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    It's a simple...

SENATOR SCHROCK:    ...and I would guess it would be a small percentage of what they need.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    Do you have a figure on how much, total dollars in billions or trillions or millions that we have across the state?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    Well, this isn't probably a very accurate statement, and isn't all to do with storm water, but it's my understanding Omaha has a billion-dollar problem to convert their antiquated sewer system to what they need to for a modern system that doesn't dump raw sewage in the Missouri River during storm water events.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    And do you have anything about the...across the state at all, by...

SENATOR SCHROCK:    All I know is that there's about 17...we're estimating Lincoln needs \$10 million a year, Omaha would probably need twice that much. So you can see how far \$2.5 million a year is going to go.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    And how far along is this phased out, over a period of time?

SENATOR SCHROCK:    We just have two years...for storm water? I don't know if it's ever going to end, Senator Wehrbein, but it's part of the Clean Water Act. It's a federal mandate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN:    But there's no timetable from EPA as to when it's finished? This is simply to get started, the deadline is to get started? Is that...

SENATOR SCHROCK:    Senator Wehrbein, what typically happens is