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state, \$8,894,000 and cities, \$2,204,000 for a total of \$11,000,000. Folks, this is a big item when we're talking about funding for schools, increasing sales tax. You know, if these refunds are being given that average person or the renter...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...that Senator Schimek spoke about or Senator Smith in her hold harmless, these people are paying it. One other thing, we get business in Nebraska, all of us. In March of 1990, if you will notice the percentage of city sales from November '88 to November of '89, Omaha is down 1 percent. Lincoln is up 1.6, Columbus up 8.4, Grand Island 11.4, Ogallala 7.1. Most of these communities that I just mentioned are not recipients of LB 775. On that same thing, business in Nebraska, city business index November of 1989 changed from a year ago. Omaha is down 2 percent, and let's go back up, Grand Island gained 1.5 percent, Nebraska City 5.9, Lexington 7.4. My point is, is we're giving away a tremendous amount of sales tax dollars that again...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR NELSON: ...reverts back to property tax without receiving the equal benefits.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard Stevens, for discussion purposes. Thank you. Senator McFarland, for discussion purposes. Senator McFarland. There are no other lights on. Senator Nelson, would you like to close?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, with that comment, it's something that I thought that should be brought out. I do not want to belabor LB 1059. I am a supporter of it but this is something that the body needs to be aware of and this is all property tax dollars. It's right out of the pocket of each and every one of us and the recipients are not the average person up and down the street. And with that, I ask for this amendment to be withdrawn.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is withdrawn. Have you items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, a resolution by Senator Pirsch designating April 22 to 28 as Victims Rights Week in Nebraska. That will be laid over. (LR 379.) I've also received two study

opportunity to obtain firsthand information about the course of our investigation, and, second, it will give you an opportunity to share with the committee our thoughts about the committee's work and how we might collectively serve the best interests of the public. With that, Mr. Speaker, I thank you and invite each and every member of this body to a presentation in Room 1517 at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. And thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your indulgence.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Mr. Clerk, moving to item eight, confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move confirmation report found on page 1965 of the Journal regarding the appointment of Leslie Chaffin to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, now to get down to the important work of the session, we do have a report on...confirmation report for Leslie Chaffin to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. The committee voted five to nothing to approve Mr. Chaffin. We would recommend that the full Legislature approve the nomination.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, the question is the approval of the confirmation report as offered by Senator Lamb. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Transportation Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion is adopted. Legislative resolutions, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first I have is by Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, yours, Senator, is found on page 1536 of the Journal. (Re: LR 379.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How appropriate after Senator Schmit's announcement that we have a legislative

resolution talking about victims and the Nebraska Legislature has been very sensitive to the plight of the victim establishing the Victims Bill of Rights in 1981. This resolution calls attention to the fact and says that the Legislature designates and proclaims the week of April 22 to 28, 1990, as Victims Rights Week in Nebraska. And I might add this would be in the entire country, United States of America. Two, that the members of the Legislature encourage all Nebraskans to become active in assisting and supporting their fellow citizens who may, through no fault of their own, become victims of crime. And, three, that the Legislature expresses its gratitude to those who give so much of their time and efforts to reduce the plight of crime victims and make their world a better, safer place to continue life. With that, I would urge for the adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the resolution vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 379.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LR 379 is adopted. LR 421.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 421 was a resolution introduced by Senator Moore. It's found on page 1876 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scott Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, with the cupcakes you got a little bit ago, this resolution simply does, by resolution, what we failed to do by statute when Senator Chambers had some problems with a picture in one of my bills. This simply encourages the Governor to set up a commission so we can begin our plans for the celebration of our 125th anniversary in 1993 (sic). With that, I would just simply ask for the adoption of the resolution.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHAM: A question of Senator Moore.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.