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suggest to these counties, these cities, these villages and townships that they in any way or in any measure approximate the state. They are inferior to the state. They must be kept in that position. And this talk of unfunded mandates is preposterous and ridiculous. Most of the money that this state has to spend comes from Omaha. So the ones who are yapping the loudest about unfunded mandates get more assistance from the state than they would ever be able to give to the state. If all that they got from the state in aid was what they put in, they would have to cease to exist. So they don't need to talk about unfunded mandates. They are getting a free ride. They're getting more back from the state than they are paying in. And as state senators, our responsibility is to maintain the integrity and the supremacy of the state. The state is paramount and anything that anybody brings in here designed to take away from the power of the state and try to repose it in some political subdivision is something that I will resist as much as I can. I hope this proposal does not advance. But if it does, I hope the public will have the wisdom to vote against it. But, Senator Tyson, sad to say whenever we have to rely on the wisdom of the public to achieve any given result, we can forget about that result being achieved. Why should we think the public at large reads any more than we do and we have a reason to read because we should be informed. But we don't read that much. We attribute to the public as it's called a knowledge and understanding that they do not have. They don't begin to know what government is about. These lobbyists out there don't know and they don't care. They're getting money to push one little program and that's all that they're after in disregard of how it might throw other things out of joint. That's why we have the responsibility to use our judgment and do what is in the best interests in the long run of this state. When we are all dead, when you all are all dead, the state will go on. The state will continue to exist and the state is going to be strong and it must be kept strong. Without the state, there is nothing. The state is more essential than the churches. The state is more important than families. You can do without families, but you cannot do without the state. You can do without churches, but you cannot do without the state. Abolish every church and you can still plow the snow. You can still keep the street lights burning. You can still fail to fill the chuckholes, Senator Tyson. But if you keep all the