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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lamb, let me respond by saying that I think it's somewhat selfish of you with your county court handling juvenile matters and your county judge being paid out of state funds to insist that the juvenile court in Douglas County should be paid out of local funds. When they are performing the same function it seems to me that they both should be entitled to state funds as a matter of tax equity.

SENATOR LAMB: The municipal courts, we are going to be funding the municipal courts statewide. That bill was passed last year. The Governor recommended that it not be funded, but I believe this body has decided to do that. We're not going to repeal that. So that...what is it, 3 or \$4 million will be picked up by the state and now we're coming in with another \$95,000 which I don't think most of us knew about this. I don't believe it's been thoroughly explained in the past and I guess I see this as coming in the back door and saying well we passed a bill last year which has unfortunate results and so now we want to pass another bill which would correct those results and it is in effect that the total thing is additional property tax relief for Douglas County to the tune of \$95,000. I don't think we should be saddled with that amount and so far I've not heard an explanation of why this should happen.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: I would be pleased to have an additional explanation from Senator Labeledz or Senator Beutler about this situation, how we are pushing this cost over on the state because a bill was passed last year. Now we necessarily have to have another bill to undo the damage which was incurred as a result of a previous bill. We got the \$4 million, I think it's 3 or \$4 million from municipal courts which no one will delay. I believe the Judiciary Committee has decided not to delay that takeover even in the face of the problems that we have on the statewide level as far as state funding is concerned. So I guess at this point I have real reservations about a bill which will add to the cost to the state and as a result of a bill which was passed last year, but now we're coming back with another bill that says that we have to undo that damage.