

South Sioux City, for the very short time they had video machines, \$738,178. Scotts Bluff County, \$673,772, for three local subdivisions of government, \$3,101,785. This does not include several other small communities, such as Dwight, Nebraska, that I spoke to you about before. In 1984, this is the revenues to the state, \$1,344,678, revenue to the state from Bellevue, Nebraska; \$547, \$160...\$547,160 from South Sioux City; \$247,603 from Scottsbluff County; just three communities, does not include the revenues generated by several smaller communities. The total to the state for three communities was \$2,139,441. We stand here raising fees, raising the fees of anything we can get ahold of, birth certificates, marriage licenses. We are talking about raising the sales tax. Here we've got over \$2 million from two communities. Not only did we bring that revenue to the state, we also brought \$3 million of revenue to them, which did away with part of their property tax, which built a senior citizens center, which built tennis courts, swimming pools, name it, whatever it is, and still have money available for future plans. I can't understand that we will sit...we have to set the rates now for sales and income tax. We are going to think nothing of raising the sales tax a half percent or one percent, depending on what we do in a special session. Yet we will turn our noses down on millions of dollars that are brought to this state voluntarily by the local communities, and also have the local communities be able to lower their property tax. It just doesn't make sense. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, but first let me introduce some guests of Senator Schmit. In the north balcony are 27 fourth and seventh graders from Bellwood School in Bellwood, Nebraska, accompanied by their teacher. Would you students and teacher please stand up so we can welcome you. Thank you for attending the Legislature this afternoon. Senator DeCamp is next. May I remind you we are on germaneness and overruling the Chair. We've given each side one speaker to speak to the bill...speak about the bill, so let's stick to overruling the Chair. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I want to stick strictly with germaneness and maybe the best proof of germaneness is asking the question, how tall is tall, how fat is fat, how short is short? Let me explain. Senator Hoagland would have you believe that "if something is substantial, different, then it is not germane." But substantial is