

if they chose to do so to MAT. Everyone I have asked who is supposed to know has indicated, yes, they do not now, but, yes, they do have the authority. I understand there are some personality problems, but that is not my problem, nor is it yours. They better resolve their little personality problems and they can take care of it. How? Well, in the case, and by the way MAT also runs at least I think in portions of Sarpy County, so you take the muni takeover, which we said ought to continue for a unified court, well, Douglas County has a savings of 322,000; Lancaster 270,000; Sarpy 249,000; the City of Omaha 409,000; you add up the three counties, the two counties and the City of Omaha so they have a savings in the vicinity of 956,000 plus the Sarpy County, and I'm throwing in that figure that we have been told that we are going to have an additional deficit that currently includes probation next year that was a part of the court system up there. But you get about 1.1 million with Sarpy County and the anticipated deficit the state is going to probably have to take over. Then in addition, on the same new revenue, from LB 715 and 273, the estimate is that Omaha itself, not counting the other municipalities that may have contracts with MAT and have a sales tax but Omaha itself would pick up about a million and a half out of that. So out of all of those you have nearly 2.5 million dollars in various governmental subdivisions...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...some of which are contracting, some of which could make a direct appropriation for the 1.3 million reduction that MAT is going to have. It is a very fair trade, a very fair trade off. There is no reason that any job will be lost, there is no reason that service needs to be curtailed. There is other revenue that we have provided by other action, if they choose to do it, and I would suggest that there is no rationale to add this 1.8 million back into the general fund budget. Because, in fact, by other actions we have taken, we have given them the tools, the funds far in excess of what is necessary to offset the reduction. I would suggest that it would be well not to adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Landis and then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature,