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can take a look at? Is this not something that we can, in fact, download a slight manner from 4.5 down to 3, keep the concept there and saying to the municipalities that, yes, we believe in supporting infrastructure but we believe in supporting it to the level that we can. And we're going to download that to the level that we can with the understanding that, obviously, as...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...in all programs, we will be coming back in January, seeing where we are, seeing where the bottom line is and see if any adjustments need to be. But, for the time being, I am at least comfortable in voting to advance the bill to Select File, certainly to see how we're doing on other bills that will be up and coming. I do have a strong feeling that if for some reason this bill, because of all the pressure, is exempt so we're going to exempt municipalities and the bill does not advance, I am afraid that will begin setting the tone for the other bills that we have coming up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And that may, in fact, be a problem when we're looking at the bottom line. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President and members, I, too, strongly support this particular bill. One of the reasons I did not support this originally because it was a way that our state was giving away \$4.5 million originally of our taxable base to cities and counties. And I did oppose that concept at that time and I think at this time it's fair for us to at least reduce this to the coun...to the cities, I shouldn't say counties. In fact, if it was me, I would like to take it all away. That may be unfair, as some have said, to go totally that far. But the point really is that I don't think it's appreciated enough what we did do in LB 1...LB 1, yes, in terms of reducing some of the cuts in the first proposal. We left...we did not take the DPI cut, which is nearly a million dollars. We did not take as much cut in the troop, in the State Patrol budget, partly for the reason that because we felt these are very important programs that affected the state statewide. So you could say that some of the money we've taken out of MIRF is going to go to support