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proceedings. The problem that the City of Omaha has is this. It's apparently a unique problem in as much as their budget year runs from January 1 to December 31st. And I, hopefully, the lobbyists for the City of Omaha and...have come up with some kind of option that we could possibly look at to deal with that particular problem. And when they do I would be happy to look at that, because it may be a unique problem that needs to be addressed; but, I'm not at all interested in the Schellpeper amendment. I don't think it...you got to take a look at the total number. When you figure out whether or not the cities are taking their fair share I think you have to take a look at the total amount of state aid. I'm just not persuaded that, at all, that somehow the cities are taking more of a hit here than they would without it. So I'm going to not vote for the amendment and hopefully the City of Omaha will come up with some option that makes sense. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I just briefly want to stand in support of the Schellpeper amendment because of what it does to the City of Omaha, and the information that I have says that Omaha is uniquely affected by the amendment, or by the bill, LB 11, as drafted, and that the City of Omaha is the only city that has a fiscal year that's on the calendar year and when this bill becomes effective July of 1993, the City of Omaha will lose two hundred and some thousand dollars that it was expecting to get from the MIRE program, and the City of Omaha's budget has already been set for tax year 1993, and so if those obligations are going to be met, either the City of Omaha is going to have to delay those projects that it's already committed itself to, or somehow adjust its budget, which I don't actually understand how they can go back and adjust their budget since it's already been set, and that may not be possible unless some emergency clause is somehow enacted. But I think the, you know, it's difficult to stand in defense of trying to put more money back into the budget when we're having such a difficult time cutting the budget, but I do think there is some unusual circumstances arising out of the...out of the way the bill was drafted and the way it affects the City of Omaha, and the City of Omaha gets \$434,000 and would lose \$217,000 next year in a fiscal...in an already tight fiscal budget for the cities. And obviously this money if these projects go forward are going to end up on the property taxpayers and so that's a problem, and so I guess at