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tax also. It just expands the use of the funding.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, so the horse is already out of the barn in Omaha and Lincoln.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I can't put that back in, and you just simply want to open that barn door up for every other city in the state.

SENATOR SMITH: No, no. If you have a wheel tax in place, it expands the use of the wheel tax so it is not restricted for only in use in arterial streets. It could be used also for resurfacing, maintenance and so on for those that have the wheel tax.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And it could also be used for the purchase of snow graders and street equipment and the like, right?

SENATOR SMITH: No, no, no.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: It looks to me like it can be used for new equipment purchases.

SENATOR SMITH: Just a minute, I'm sorry. Parts thereof...related equipment, let's see. Yes, when created for such purposes or for related equipment purchases for those kinds of things, for street work.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, well, I'm not going to object to a bill that doesn't affect my district or the people of my district. But I suppose those of you who represent first and second class cities might want to ask yourself if the voters there would want you to approve legislation that would allow wheel taxes to be used to buy all kinds of street equipment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you like to close on the advancement?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I would like to clarify the statement that Senator Vard Johnson just made.

(No tape overlap.) It doesn't allow them to buy equipment. The idea is that the use of it is expanded for resurfacing,