

maintaining, improving streets in residential areas, other than in just being restricted to the arterial streets of the city, as it presently is, and so that, in other words, they can make better use of the funds that do come in on the wheel tax and it's only if a city has a wheel tax in place already that this would be in place. It also...he is correct in this part of the fact that he said that it does create the capability for them to purchase equipment for such repair and maintenance with that money if they had the wheel tax in place. Thank you. I would urge your support for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you. Senator Vard Johnson, your light is on, did you wish to speak further? All right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I don't mind standing corrected, Mr. Speaker, if I'm wrong, but I do mind standing corrected when I'm right and I know it's a little hard to read these consent calendar bills rapidly. But this bill sure as the devil does...I mean, the law has always been for first and second class cities that the wheel tax could not be used for equipment purchases. That's the law, the wheel tax could not be used for equipment purchases and Senator Smith and Scofield and Hartnett have given us a bill which says that the wheel tax may now be used for related equipment purchases. So...but I guess the horse is already out of the barn when it comes to Omaha and Lincoln because those folk got that authority some time back, so our \$16 wheel tax is now being used to buy graders, plows, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, or whatever is related to street maintenance, and now the first and second class cities want their wheel taxes to be used for the same thing. But I won't stand corrected because that's what the bill says. The bill simply says the wheel tax may be used now, if this passes, for equipment purchases, and that's a 180 degree change in the law.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith. Thank you. Any other discussion? Any closing, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Vard Johnson, I don't mean to stand on the floor, I mean, how would I dare argue with you. But I simply did not say that you...the statement you made was not correct in the part of the statement that you made. What I did say was that it did these other things in addition to that. It