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high-level houses on those lakes and those lakes may or may not be public access. There's one in Bennington right now that has no public access.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'd beg to differ with you. It does have public access.

SENATOR MINES: It does not, Senator. There's no public access to that Bennington Lake.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, then we're thinking about different bodies of water.

SENATOR MINES: You try and get your boat down on the Bennington Lake and you're not getting on.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Mines, just let me tell you this. As the city of Omaha grows, they're going to need recreation. They're going to need some planning. And I understand where you're coming from. We had that hearing. That bill on bonding, there's not enough votes at the current time to get it out of committee, and that's fine, but if you just keep on hamstringing them, you won't have good planning and you won't have...by the way, as a rural senator, I'm interested in property values going up in your area, because if you build those lakes, those lots are going to be worth lots of money. Those houses will be worth a lot of money. It will raise your valuation and then the more property value you have there, the less state aid you're going to get, and we can share that pie, you know. So I hear where you're coming from, but I just have a problem when we single out the Papio NRD, because I think you'd have to acknowledge in the past they have done a lot of good work and I think they should be proactive as these projects come along and they can be partners in. But whenever you do it, you're going to step on toes, and that irritates people.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.