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and for...excuse me. You know, these interruptions are driving me crazy, Madam President. I grabbed the wrong one.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sorry to hear that, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: I apologize. How much time do I have remaining?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You now have seven minutes.

SENATOR FRIEND: That should be...that should be plenty. (Laughter) The committee amendments do two things, members of the Legislature. First, the maximum and minimum periods for assessments to be paid to the city for the proposed improvements are eliminated, and the length of the payment period is made equivalent to the length of the period within which the city must repay the bond indebtedness incurred to finance the project. So if the bond is to be repaid by the city over a 20-year period, the assessments would be levied for 20 equal annual installments. Secondly, if the projects are to be paid for out of municipal funds without issuing any of the bonds, the length of the assessment period would be at the discretion of the governing body of the municipality, subject to the requirement that the length of the period be reasonable and fair. Now, that's really the gist of it. Senator Aguilar did a good job of explaining what the underlying bill did. Came out of committee 7-0. We believe that this amendment, again, adds some uniformity, and I would ask for the adoption of AM0318. What I was referring to, the paper that I grabbed earlier, Senator Price will actually later on have an amendment and I will speak to...already have spoken to a little bit, but I will speak to that amendment a little later on. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Friend, was that your opening on the committee amendment?

SENATOR FRIEND: Yes, it was.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. We are now on discussion of the committee amendment. Seeing no lights, no further lights,