

SENATOR VRTISKA: The...the funds that you have provided for in this bill, are these for like handibuses or those kind of vehicles?

SENATOR HILLMAN: It can be, Senator Vrtiska. What you have is either a county, a city, or what they consider quasi-public entity that applies to the Department of Roads for a grant that they would match funds locally, with state grants, and with federal grants. And there are just particular projects throughout the state that qualify under the Nebraska Transportation Act.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I ask the question because you talk about the inner city buses, and I was.... You know, there are a lot of handibuses that are made available, through a match, to various entities around the state that provide this handibus service. And I just wondered if this is a follow through on that same program?

SENATOR HILLMAN: If they have broadened, perhaps, what their intent is, depending upon the routing and the people that they serve, I'm sure they could. If they were like a county owned, which, you know, most of them are, that they could be able to apply for those funds, depending upon the criteria, and their routing, and who they serve, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Hillman, would you answer a couple questions for me, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: You mentioned other equipment, Senator Hillman. Could you specifically...or give me just a broad idea of what you meant by other equipment?

SENATOR HILLMAN: I think they could look at perhaps purchasing a van, Senator Janssen, or...