

with that. You want to pay your fair share, but you don't want to pay any more. And, again, I thank Senator Bohlke for the opportunity to allow me to prioritize this bill, because I do have a major city in this state that is affected by this and with tightening down on costs for the cities, even if it is a utility, it still has an effect on the taxpayers of those cities. So I thank you again, Senator Bohlke, for the time and thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Bohlke. Did you want to use up the rest of the time, Senator Bohlke? Okay. Discussion on the advancement of the bill. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise in support of the advancement. I do have some concerns and will be bringing an amendment on Select File, but that is on Select File and I have come to agreement with the utilities and with Senator Janssen and Senator Bohlke and also Senator Fisher, who represents Grand Island area. And my concern is that as we deal with the emissions cap that we do get the additional information and perhaps can help to use some of the funds for reducing those emissions and do it in a positive way. And all parties share that concern and willingness to work on it in that way. I do have a concern that as we shift from incentives to reducing emissions to a fee-based system on what it costs the DEQ to operate the program, that this is a major policy shift. So I will, at this point, support the advancement and bring an amendment that will expand the scope of the study that DEQ will do and look forward to the hearing that we will have and the input that we'll have from other people at that time. So, at this time, I support the advancement and appreciate the cooperation that has gone into this bill and know that Senator Bohlke has worked for quite some time over the last two years, really, on the bill. With that, I will conclude my statement and thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President, members, I rise to support LB 634 and compliment Senator Bohlke for all the work she's done on introducing this bill, keeping me up to speed on it and, of course, Senator Jensen (sic--Senator Janssen) for making it his priority bill. I think it's commendable of the two and I'm kind of riding along on this one but I support it. It's a big