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come back, two years later, and say, oh, we got a sinkhole here, we're filing suit against you because you ruined the road. That...

SENATOR TYSON: Okay.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That's a tough proof problem, and quite frankly that road may have wore out because of other cuts, too, and they become a deep pocket to go after. That's.... The other part of that is, that's where the occupation tax comes in. You know, Omaha, for example, deals with that issue by dedicating some of that occupation tax that these telephone companies pay towards road repair. That's probably a very good use of it. I don't know...

SENATOR BOHLKE: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...about Norfolk. Norfolk is pretty progressive, so I don't know...I don't know what they do with that occupation....

SENATOR TYSON: I don't know what we do in...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I...I don't, but...

SENATOR TYSON: But, of course, we also have public works director, and he has a crew, and they see that the percentage of compaction is such, and...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Right.

SENATOR TYSON: ...and the rest of the...the problem can arise. I wanted to cover it, though, in this information.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: For the smaller ones that didn't.

SENATOR TYSON: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: But that would...that...that's my impression of...

SENATOR TYSON: Okay.