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against that. And my concern was what this has to do with the state of Nebraska, what the...you know, recognizing that...that this is in proximity to the Capitol yet it's not state property and just exactly how and why is this a good idea for the state of Nebraska to become involved in this project?

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Landis?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Pederson, I am not asking for and there is no relationship to this language to the Centennial Mall project. If your question is to justify a bill that now has been killed in the Appropriations Committee, I'll take the floor's time to do that.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: No.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd rather not. But this issue is with respect to the funding source of the Municipal Infrastructure Act, which is an existing source of revenue which we're not asking to increase, change or alter in any way other than the recipients of that fund, the city of Lincoln and others, can use it for an expanded list of expenses.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, will you speak into your mike a little more. We can't hardly hear you. We want to hear you, so.

SENATOR LANDIS: Really?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Laugh) What a shock.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay. So that there is, for example, even in this language that we're adopting, there is no specific reference or relationship to the Centennial Mall project. What it does say is that you could use it for the operations of the kind of infrastructure that is otherwise authorized for MIF