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that were done. And certainly, the village needs to pursue that, whether it's a state...whether this law stays in place or not. I think it's still up to the local citizenry to make the efforts to do...whether it's with the state of Nebraska or with their own city council or village board. It's simply a matter of the way different people look at different thing. Some people don't think that salvage material collected can be stored in a decent manner and not be so unsightly. Other people think it doesn't make any difference. And so it's difficult to make people think the way you think. And so you run into these problems. The only difficulty that the State Highway Department is the same one the local people, and that's to spend the money in order to pursue if people refuse to comply with the law that's on the books. There's redress for anybody who wants to take somebody to court and enforce the law. But sometimes that runs into a considerable amount of money. I guess in the long run, it would appear to me that if this becomes...if this bill passes, then it leaves it up to the jurisdiction of a zoning board to address these issues, wherever they might be, and hopefully, as gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen, that they can work together and resolve the differences without having to go into a court of law to get somebody prosecuted for something they think is improper. So my guess is...I'm going to support the bill. I didn't think I would at the beginning. But as I look at the issue and become more understanding of...it is really the responsibility of local government to take care of local problems, and that's what this really is. The Highway Department takes care of those things inside of their right-of-way. But it becomes an issue when you get outside of the right-of-way, whose jurisdiction is it. And it appears that most generally it's the jurisdiction and responsibility of that community, whoever they might be, to take care of those problems. So with that, appreciate the debate. And as I said before, I will support the bill as it's now introduced. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Baker, if I could just ask you a couple of questions. I want to clarify one matter, because this information has been