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the proper solution.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Beutler, on AM0811.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I certainly support the bill, and think we're getting an awful long ways into local control with some of the questions that we're asking. All these local governments are doing is asking for the right to take to the people of the city an alternative way of dealing with this question. I think we would all agree we have to deal with the question. I don't think anybody disagrees with that anymore. So the question is, how are we going to do it? I don't think anybody disagrees with the fact that there is authority now for these cities to levy a property tax. Well, and there's a legitimate question for the citizens of the city. Do you want to pay for this with a property tax--and by the way, we probably need to amend this to do something about a lid, as we did with the NRDs, if we're going to use a property tax. But it's a fair question to the citizens of the city. Do you want to use a property tax? And if you use a property tax, there are certain implications. For example, all the nonprofits aren't going to pay the property tax. Now, how do your homeowners...how would they feel about that? Well, in one city they may not want to do that; in another city they may want to. But the point is, they should have the choice. And how do you give them a choice? Because you allow the city the alternative to the property tax of doing a utility tax, paying for what they get. Nonprofits do that now. They pay a sewer bill, they pay a water bill, they pay for all their utilities. Which is this more like, a utility bill or a property tax item? Is that our decision? Why isn't it perfectly legitimate to say to local people, you make the choice? That's all this bill does. Now, with respect to the NRDs, I think I want to clear up something. And maybe I heard wrong, but Senator Schrock, isn't it correct that the only NRDs affected are those that cover Lancaster, Douglas, and Sarpy County?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.