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But there may be some smaller cities down there that have to deal with this down the road. And so this isn't just legislation for Lincoln and Omaha. If you're a first-class city, in some form or another you probably will have to deal with this in the future. And I would remind you, a first-class city is any city that has a population in excess of 5,000. With that, that's my opening comments. We've had this bill for three years. It was voted out of committee last year. I'm kind of at wits ends on this. This amendment is what I put together. It's not what was handed to me by a lobbyist. And if we don't go this route, I don't know where we're going to go. And I would be very acceptable to future modifications in another year. I think this issue is going to be reexamined. But if we don't go this way this year, I'm afraid we're going to be hopelessly mired, and nothing will get done, and I don't think that's what we need to do. I don't like putting it on property. I know most of you don't. But this is going to be a decision that our cities and NRDs are going to have to deal with. With that, I would try to answer any questions. It's a rather frustrating situation. I think we need to do it. Water and clean water is very important, and storm water is important. The Papio NRD has built six dams. They need to build another 12 or 13. They have the projects in place. It's a clean water issue. It's a quantity issue. But when you think of all the impervious surfaces that have been added in Douglas and Sarpy County the last few years, they need not only quality protection; they need quantity protection, and they need protection from rain water coming off of Washington County, and that's where the NRDs will be involved. Thank you for your time. Once again, if you have any questions or any comments, I would like to answer...try to answer them. We'll go from here. That concludes my remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, is there a request for a division, correct? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I'm the one who's asking for a division of the question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you and...