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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know how much more can be said after that. I've been involved in this so long that I don't know which direction to go. I have to tell you, I can look Senator Schrock in the face, we were in an Executive Session the other day, I had a weird headache, and I had to get up and leave. I don't know what else to do with it. I feel the same frustration that Senator Schrock does. But I have to break it down this way. It's the only way I know how to break it down. Senator Beutler sounds frustrated. We all sound frustrated. It's the only way I know how to break it down. Douglas County, folks, I live in a concrete jungle. Who's causing the problem? There are two trains of thought here. Is it the pollution, or is it the amount of the water running off the impervious surface? It's a very specific question that I don't know the answer to. Oakview Mall--how many people go and park in that parking lot every day? Who should pay if the problem is an impervious surface problem? Who should pay for that? Should it be the three entities that own Oakview Mall, that have provided that outlet to the folks of Omaha, or should it be the folks of Omaha who go and sit in that parking lot for five hours and look for toys for their kids? I don't know the answer to that question, and gives me a splitting headache. He's seen it. Everybody in the committee has seen it. I don't know where to go with it. But I do feel this--if it is Douglas County's problem, what other funding mechanism do we have? Do we hit...the reason I voted no on the green out of committee is because I felt like a fee was inequitable. Other people disagreed with me. Other people disagree now. I felt like it was inequitable because we are punishing certain entities for providing spots for them to park. We have to make them create that impervious surface. If I was the owner of a car lot, I'd say, keep it gravel. The Clean Water Act is going to absolutely crucify me here. Let's leave it gravel. Well, you can't do that. The city says, you've got to put surface down. Where does it end? I think it ends this way: We have to ask whose responsibility it is. Anybody that lives in Douglas County has got to share this responsibility. How do they share the responsibility? We can go to sales tax, like Senator Schrock