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city of Lincoln doesn't need it, and I think it's bad policy, and I'm willing to reintroduce the bill next year and fight for what's right on this matter, rather than accepting a sop at the end of the session so that the lobby can have one more advantage and come back in here and say, well, they can do it with property taxes; or they delay it so long that you have to do it with property taxes. I think this is bad policy. I don't want to put in law bad policy. I'm not going to vote for anything on this bill, unless it involves the fees that should be there. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of FA1445. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Janssen and others.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Yesterday we had Lazarus resurrected, and I guess Lazarus is back on LB 32. But that's fine. I can deal with that. I can also appreciate Senator Schrock's tenacity. I think it's a little more appropriate than what we spent time on yesterday. But I do have a question for Senator Beutler, given his remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Beutler, I heard what you said, and I understand local control. I served a full term on city council, and it's frustrating to work with the state mandates and what have you, or federal mandates that the state has nothing to do with. What should property tax cover?

SENATOR BEUTLER: What should property tax cover?

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the first thing it should cover are all those services that relate to the protection of property.

SENATOR SMITH: But not this one?

SENATOR BEUTLER: But not this one, because there's more...a more specific and more focused way of assessing cost. Whe. you