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And everyone uses those facilities. You like to drive down the four-lane highways. We like to see good paved roads in our cities. We want...when we go to the grocery store, we want...we don't want to park in mud, we don't want to park on rock. You know, Senator Schrock, I want to give you the rest of my time. But I want to ask you a question first.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Schrock, is this going to be a mandate to the cities or the NRDs? Are they going to have to do this? And you can answer that and then have the rest of my time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. This bill mandates nothing. If we pass this bill, the NRDs and the cities can choose to ignore it, or they can choose to use it. I guarantee you, if we pass the bill and get sued, they'll use it. If we don't pass the bill and we get sued, they'll wish they had it. And if the judge sees that we're not doing anything, they're going to come down hard on us. Now, I'm perfectly willing to come back next year. I don't care whether I introduce the bill, we make it a committee bill, or Senator Beutler introduces a bill, and take a look at fees. I think one of the most discouraging things I've heard this year is, I went to a Hotel, Motel Association luncheon, and I had the owner of a hotel in Omaha tell me that if this bill passes, his fee would be \$1 million a year. Now I don't know who's feeding him that information, but there's been a lot of misinformation. And you talk to property owners in Omaha and Lincoln, whether they're car dealers,...they just don't want anything to do with fees, and they've hired some good lobbyists. And I'm not accusing anybody of spreading out some misinformation, but there is misinformation out there. The fees is the way to go. But we don't have the horses to do that, or the time. This is a way for our cities and NRDs to address the issue. It mandates nothing. And like I said earlier, if you don't want to do that, and we get in trouble, the blood is not on my hands, because I tried. And thank you for the time, Senator Janssen. We'll see how this proceeds.