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storm water management cost or property tax outside the levy limit? Was there any discussion about that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: There was discussion on that. The three cities involved--and I know Lincoln and Omaha have room on their levy, so that isn't the problem. And like I said, I'm trying to take the path of least resistance this morning. So they do have levy room. And you know, I'm getting messages from Omaha and Lincoln that they don't even care if we pass this bill. And that's fine. But I think we're inviting trouble if we don't do something.

SENATOR MINES: Well, I think we do need to move something. And allowing cities to address it themselves, with the most accountable form of taxation through property I think makes some sense. I'm going to support this, Senator Schrock, and I thank you for bringing it forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schrock and nine others.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is really a pipe dream to think that a bill of this nature, dealing with a subject like this, can be dealt with in 30 minutes. I believe that's what the agenda says is the amount of time it has. So I think it's probably just a preliminary for our wrangle on LB 958, Senator Foley's bill. I don't think that those who want to speak are going to have had the opportunity to do so before the 30 minutes will expire. I agree with Senator Beutler's position that those who can...identified as causing a problem are the ones who should have the primary responsibility of eradicating the problem. Big businesses, little businesses, businesses, period, know that they don't just have my ear and automatic support and backing for whatever they say ought to be done. One of the most asinine comments I hear is that government ought to be run by...like a business. And I never believe that, because I never have had trust and confidence in business people. And with Enron and some...Tyco, and some of these others, people are starting to see what happens when you look at the way businesses are run. The master's degree is something falling into such disuse that there are some schools