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out, on page 2, line 13, and page 3, lines 17 and 18, the words "and storm water drainage." (Laugh) And there's a really good reason for doing that. Some of you here in the Lincoln area would be very familiar with this issue. But we decided that we didn't need that kind of controversy on this bill. It would probably land us in a filibuster of some kind. So...and it isn't that critical a thing. So we have taken out the storm water drainage districts. And then we also took out natural resources districts. And I think there were some people on the committee who felt pretty strongly that that, too, could end up being controversial, because of some of the natural resource districts' projects that have been occurring. And so again, probably to take out some controversy, we did that. But we also, in the later amendment that Senator Flood began to talk about, we probably would have done it anyway in that amendment, just because we were paring down the number of subdivisions that we could talk about, or that could be included. So that's a brief explanation of the amendment. I suspect there will be people who might not agree with what we did. And...but I'd be happy to try to answer any questions, as I'm sure would Senator Flood. And, Senator Flood, do you need any time to talk about the committee amendment or anything else?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: I appreciate that. I guess I would just add, I realize that NRDs were stricken from the committee amendment, and storm water issues, obviously, were stricken from the committee amendment. I can agree with that, because I think it's a first step. Let's just look at counties, cities, subdivisions of county government, city government, see how they do with this before we get into this on a grander scale. I think that's the appropriate approach, and that's why I support the committee amendments, and I'd urge their adoption.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Senator Flood. And I'm not going to take my entire ten minutes, but I would like to say that I'm very supportive of the bill. It's a bill that has been before the Government Committee before. It was advanced to