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through property taxes? I mean, that's the whole point of the bill, is to encourage people to get together, to deal with local improvements through the bonding mechanism, and to pay for them with property taxes. So, Senator Flood or Senator Schimek, I would like to ask you, why would you drop out storm water sewer improvements from this bill, when it has nothing to do with the other bill, and is simply another standard sort of improvement that's often paid for...which is almost always paid for with property taxes? Senator Flood, if you would yield.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: I really should let Senator Schimek answer for the committee, as I don't participate and I am not a member of the Government Committee. But I did not object to removing the storm water language from my bill because I know that you, in fact, have separate legislation that addresses storm water already on file, and you're working that legislation. So I didn't have an objection, because I felt that it was already being addressed by the Legislature, or would be. Secondly, when I put this together, I used the language that Senator Wickersham, from years past, had put together, together with the Innovations Council. And I saw the real benefit here between cities and counties. I realized that NRDs would benefit, and there's certainly a storm water issue across Nebraska. But,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...without speaking for the committee, I didn't specifically object to their use of...to their restriction, because there was already legislation pending. Possibly Senator Schimek could more fully explain the position of the Government Committee.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield to Senator Schimek, if there is any further time, Senator Cudaback, or if she has any further information that she'd like to provide.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't...