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SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, there are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they are not determined before the hospital is determined to be built, are they?

SENATOR FLOOD: They...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or are they?

SENATOR FLOOD: I believe they can be. Do...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will continue later, but my time is out now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. I've been out in the Rotunda, and I'm not sure that I heard all of the discussion. But I would like to reiterate that the rural and suburban fire districts, and sanitary and improvement districts is another kind of weird animal, in my opinion, but they both have the ability to raise taxes and to issue bonds, is my understanding. And I would like to go back to what Senator Beutler was asking about regarding flood control. And a lot of cities do do flood control, Senator Beutler, as you know. They do dikes, and sometimes even dams, small dams within the city. So I think the reason that storm water was taken out of this, to some degree, cities can do some things they need to do under the flood control language. But "storm water" is kind of a buzzword, and I guess that's why we took it out. I think that, arguably, we could put it back in if you make the strong enough argument that it should be. But I really do think that it gets all kinds of entities then that come in, in opposition to the bill. And I would much prefer to accomplish what this bill is all about, and that's Public Buildings and Facilities Construction Act. That's really what we're trying to get at here. And I don't want us to be distracted too much by some of these other, not exactly side issues, but maybe not part of the main focus of the bill. And I just wanted to offer that for