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it functions and what's going to happen. Secondly, I'm trying to get us to enlarge our view of this matter, and to see if there is any really good reason why this should not be massaged or expanded in certain ways so that it affords an equal benefit to Lincoln and Omaha and some other places that work in different ways with different kinds of political subdivisions. Because I don't think there should be any good reason not to think more expansively about this bill. Senator Schimek, I wanted to ask you, you made the remark that if we put storm water back in this bill, that it would attract some opposition. Can you tell me who that opposition would be? Because I want to talk to whoever think this relates to the natural resources district bill, unless they're afraid we're going to lop on some kind of fee amendment, once it gets on Select File, or that sort of thing. But I hereby pledge, no attempts at fees or any sort of additional relationship to LB 102, which is in the Natural Resources Committee. But there is no logical reason. This is property taxes we're talking about. There's no logical reason why we shouldn't be expansive in terms of the institutions we deal with to cover the situations that pertain in many other areas, or with the standard type of local improvements that characteristically are paid for out of property taxes. Senator, you shook your head. And I guess I took that as the answer. But let me give you a chance to speak.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Beutler. And, Senator Beutler, maybe I misread the tea leaves. All I know is, when the bill was being discussed and heard, there were a lot of lobbyists in the room that were just observing and, afterwards, I was told that it had to do with that issue. Now, maybe I misjudged. Maybe they were in favor of retaining that issue, rather than getting rid of that issue. I probably spoke a little bit off the top of my head, and I'm not sure I was interpreting the data correctly. (Laugh) So I'm glad you gave me the opportunity to respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator. I also wanted to respond quickly to a statement which was made that indicated that perhaps the NRD didn't have any projects that were properly