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otherwise?

SENATOR FRIEND: That's...I believe you're right. Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, thank you, Senator Friend. I'm not ready to move in this direction, I must tell you. I...

SENATOR FRIEND: Well,...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...maybe I just am...no doubt I'm uninformed, but what I'm gathering right now, my concern is that we're shifting a burden to taxpayers that has been a burden of city government, and I guess I'm not convinced but what it shouldn't be a burden of government rather than the taxpayer. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Schimek, on the Price amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I originally wasn't going to speak on this issue, but...because I was in the Chair, but Senator Cudaback came and allowed me to speak. I'm somewhat troubled by this amendment and I did not vote to vote it out of committee. I was one of three people who weren't present for the vote. The other four people did vote unanimously to move it forward. But even though I know that this bill only gives the authority for that district to be set up, I don't think that the people in Lincoln are going to be too excited about the whole idea. And I know that times are tough in Lincoln and I know that we're having some...our share of financial woes. But I'm thinking back to the whole sidewalk uproar of a few years back when, if I'm remembering this properly, and I won't guarantee that I am, but I think there was an uprising because the city all of a sudden was going to assess individual property owners for their sidewalk improvements when heretofore it had always been the city that had taken responsibility for that. And I'm afraid that this same kind of tax assessment authority would have repercussions, even though I think, if I'm understanding the bill correctly, that it would be up to the city council to establish such districts. I just think this is kind of flying under the radar screen a little bit and people aren't aware of it. And I don't think, at this time