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anyway, that I'm ready to vote yes on it, and I'm willing to listen to the discussion and the arguments, but I'm very nervous about this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Beutler, on the Price amendment, AM0989.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, just a couple things to put things in perspective. First of all, this deals with the planting of city trees along the right of way. As you know, the city owns up to so many feet from each side of the street. The city levies property taxes, as all cities do, and part of those property taxes are used to plant trees now, but the size of the budget is so small that they go along very slowly and they have this enormous list of requests from homeowners to plant the trees. They say, we'll pay for it, but there's no mechanism to do that. And the city doesn't levy enough property taxes to go any faster. So it's not a city obligation to plant those trees. They can plant those trees or not plant those trees. So we're not shifting a responsibility. The city can choose not to plant the trees at all. They choose to plant the trees because people want trees, and a lot more people want trees and are willing to pay for trees than they have means or mechanism to work with them. So this would allow them to create districts. If the Near South Neighborhood Association wanted to have a district, this would allow the city to set up, under the city charter, as they did with ornamental lighting, a process by which you can petition to have a district and if so many people object you cannot have a district, and they can set up under their city charter the rules for these districts. But it's not shifting taxes. It's basically designed for people, as has worked with ornamental lightings in the city of Lincoln very well, it's worked to allow people to do more in instances where they want to do more. So that's what it's all about and it...I don't think it's anything radical in nature. And, again, it applies to the city of Lincoln. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Stuthman.