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necessarily, yet. I could relate this a little bit to a storm water issue, and bear with me for a second because here is the way I see this. The storm water issue, there was a lot of folks that wanted a few to pay for the problems or the issues caused by many, okay? Many paying for...my opinion and my attitude toward storm water all along has been let's get many people paying for the problems and the issues of those many people. I mean, it's more equitable. That's what I felt all the way along. Now, this analogy might not play out, but bear with me and I won't belabor it. A tree district, it's very specific, you can look at the language, a few people for a place like the Haymarket or wherever, name a really nice area of Lincoln...a few people paying for the enhancement and the beautification and the pleasure of many as opposed to a lot of folks who take advantage of the enhancements and the beautification of that particular area in Lincoln as opposed to more of those people paying for that. That, to me, is more equitable. Haymarket wouldn't exist if the people of Lincoln didn't go down there and use it. So my feeling is, and the reason I think this came out of committee and that I...and I would raise my hand, one of the...trying to be one of the most fiscal conservative people out here if I can help it, or if I can do it, that's why I didn't see a whole lot of problem with this. And that's how I'd sum it up. Again, I ask for the advancement or the adoption of AM0989 and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As you see from the committee statement, I was one of the senators that were...was absent when the Exec Committee met. And Senator Schimek noted that she would have voted against. I probably would have voted for it. It is a Lincoln issue. This just deals with the primary class cities. I think that allowing the city council to have this power to ask its people in an area if they want to be assessed to improve their area I think is a power that I would be...that I would allow cities of a primary class to do. It can't be abused, I don't think. I think that there are checks and balances here. You have a check and balances with your council. You have the check and balance of a