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community putting up people that say they don't want this to happen and having enough votes to make it not happen. So I believe that this is a limited power that we allow cities of primary class to do, the same as we do with lighting and other improvements. And I believe that because of the fashion that we do with cities here in Nebraska, we have a strong city system, I believe that this fits within the mold of the powers that we've allowed cities like Lincoln to do. And maybe we ought to all just let the city...the senators who represent Lincoln decide this, because there is some division within that delegation, but I do agree that this ought to be a power that Lincoln ought to have. I return my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. There are no further lights on. Senator Price, you're recognized to close on your amendment, AM0989.

SENATOR PRICE: Thank you. Senator Cudaback and members of the body, thank you for this good, healthy discussion on this amendment. Taxpayers in Lincoln are already paying for trees. They're paying for it in a different way. What we're doing here is establishing districts and assessing for the planting of trees, which will be a benefit to our city after the storm of 1997 and all of the trees that we lost during this time. It is a change of practice, something that could have been done since 1919 in our city charter. There have been questions raised; there will be answers given. I encourage people to visit with me. I appreciate the support of Senator Beutler and Senator Friend, and I encourage a good conversation between now and Select File, because I want the questions and the concerns to be answered. And I appreciate the time, and I urge your support of AM0989. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Price. The question before the body is adoption of AM0989 to LB 161. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Price amendment, AM0989, to LB 161. Have you all voted on the question who care to? We've voting on the Price amendment, AM0989. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Price, for what purpose do you rise?