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opening on AM1162 by Senators Price and Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Price-Beutler amendment. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Beutler, would you yield to a quick question or two?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR BOURNE: And again, I have...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...I'm just trying to understand exactly how this works. So an individual...or, excuse me, the city council would propose a special assessment district. Is that accurate?

SENATOR BEUTLER: If you're identifying a beginning point, Senator, that may or may not be a beginning point. The beginning point might be that a neighborhood association would circulate a petition asking for the creation of a district, and then it would come to the city council and they would act upon the petition. Or it could start with the city council also.

SENATOR BOURNE: And then once a special assessment district, the proposal goes forward, it goes through the city council, from wherever it generate, then those people impacted, directly impacted--and by that I mean those that will have to pay a special assessment--they have an opportunity to go back to the city council and say, we don't want this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They do.

SENATOR BOURNE: And is it...when you mentioned referendum, I mean, it does not have to go to a vote. It simply...if there's 100 property owners impacted, if 51 of those property owners say, we don't want to do this, then it's dead?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that's right. I may have confused you by referencing the initiative and referendum alternatives in the city of Lincoln. I just meant to point out that those are