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alternatives in addition to...

SENATOR BOURNE: Understood. And again, I'm not opposed to this at all. I'm just trying to get sure in my mind clarity how it works. Can you tell me generally how large a special assessment district might be? I mean, are we talking about 50 homes, 100 homes, 1,000 homes? And I think it's relevant when you talk about organizing an effort to, you know, stop some sort of a special assessment, given there's 30 days to respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. Senator, there's nothing in the language of the bill itself that says how large or small a district might be. In fact, I think you would be hard put anywhere in the statutes to find out...to see any sort of size limitation like that anywhere in any of the statutes relating to any special assessment districts. It would be akin to an ornamental lighting district, such as we have in Lincoln. And normally, those are not more than a block or two of streets.

SENATOR BOURNE: And does the (inaudible)...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But just to be clear on the technical language of the bill, there's nothing that says what size it might or might not be.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. But no matter the size, there still is a 30-day time period by which those people affected in the designated special assessment district can protest and obtain relief, for lack of a better word, from this new tax?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Can I ask you another quick question? On the bottom of page 2 of the amendment, AM1162, in line 25 it says, "as a special assessment against the property specially benefited to the extent of benefits received." Now, is...does that mean, to you,...if the price of the trees and labor and that to be planted is \$500, but does this language allow...it seems to me that the language is broader than that of the value of the trees and the labor it requires to put it in. Do you see where I'm coming from? The extent...