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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Price, would you yield?

SENATOR PRICE: Yes, I would

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Price, are there other ways that, in these areas, in these districts, that if trees are needed, are there organizations that could donate trees, that could work with the city council? Or is this not possible? Maybe there's laws, there's jurisdictions, that don't allow anything like that, that there can be an organization, a boys group, girls group, any type of an organized group that could adopt an area to maintain, upgrade, plant trees? Can this be done?

SENATOR PRICE: With approval of the Parks and Rec, that this could be done. But it would have to be done with their approval.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I think you're correct there, also because, you know, things that are put on that right of way need to be of a certain height, so it's visible on intersections or anything like that. But I'm really concerned, you know, are we trying to adopt something that people are going to be assessed on their property taxes, that they're going to be paying more in the long run? I do realize, you know, that there is a method, you know, of how...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...it can be taken care of, as far as, you know, if you don't want to get involved of it. But if 49...if 51 want to do it, there's 49 that don't want to do it, but they're going to be paying the bill also. So I'm really concerned about this. Yes, I realize that it doesn't affect me because it affects the city of Lincoln, the property owners of Lincoln. And you know, I think we as a legislative body need to take a look at everything in the state. So with that, I'll give the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Schimek and six others.