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SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Price yield to some questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Price, would you yield?

SENATOR PRICE: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Price, thank you. I apologize if you've already answered some of these concerns. We were in Exec Session for committee. But is this still subject to the lid? Would these...would this tax authority be outside the lid or inside the lid?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Price or Beutler, are you responding?

SENATOR PRICE: It is outside the lid, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: So any further taxation...is the city of Lincoln up against the lid for property tax?

SENATOR PRICE: No, we are not, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: And so they would have the authority under the current lid to carry this out, but it would be across the whole city? Is that accurate?

SENATOR PRICE: Yes. The city currently budgets \$1.1 million for the planting and replacement of trees and tree maintenance. And so when budgets are tight...I know I'm on your time...this is the last project that generally is done.

SENATOR SMITH: The last project that...in comparison to what? I'm just curious.

SENATOR PRICE: Well, with other services that the city provides, the planting of trees is lowest on the list of projects for the city to do, compared to all of the services in the city.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. But it's a prioritization set forth by the city council? Is that accurate? I mean, the city council