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establishes those priorities. Okay. Thank you, Senator Price. I'm trying to wrestle with these issues. And I know this only has to do with cities of the primary class. But I also try to see how other towns have done tree programs. I know that the city in which I reside does a fine job with incentives for tree removal, incentives for replanting. Didn't need to be done outside the lid. That is something that I would like to add to this discussion and to this issue. It's just very difficult for me to say, yes, let's establish this outside the lid, when already there is some room within the lid. Perhaps I'm wrong. Perhaps I'm unreasonable. And I'm certainly willing to look at some of this. But those are my initial thoughts. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of AM1162. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers and others.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Price, for bringing this amendment, and for trying to relieve some of our anxieties about this particular approach. Senator Beutler, I still have a couple questions, because I'm not sure if I have this procedure in my mind. And I tried to listen carefully, but I'm still not certain. First of all, I know that the assessment district can be set up by the city council. And upon that establishment, then they have to mail to all those residents in that particular assessment district. And then at that point, the...what can the residents of that assessment district do? They can at that time take out a petition saying either they do or they do not want that assessment district?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator, we provided two different ways of doing it, as is done in other sections of the statutes now. The alternatives are taken from the statutes. And the two different methods are this. You can start with a petition.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I understand that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But I'm asking about when the city council