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SENATOR CHAMBERS: That have what?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the middle. Medians.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, yes, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There could be trees in the medians.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But I'm looking at that which is close to the property owner.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, in Omaha, the property owner has to do everything with reference to those trees that are in the parking. They have to trim them so high above the sidewalk, so high above the street. And if they get diseased and have to come down, the property owner has to pay to take them down. I know this from very recent experience. In Lincoln, is that the way it is, that the trees in the parking are maintained and the responsibility...maintained by and are the responsibility of the property owner? Or is that the city's responsibility in Lincoln?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, in Lincoln, that is the city's responsibility.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if these trees are placed in the parking for these purposes mentioned in the bill, the property owner would be assessed the cost of planting, maintaining, and whatever else has to be done with those trees?

SENATOR BEUTLER: If they created a district, that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is not the case now? The property owner now in Lincoln is not responsible for those trees?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They've got a deal that Omaha...people in