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that is very, very beneficial. They were formed to work on the safety problems with transportation in the cities, and they've done a good job. They continue to work, and all this does it take the 25-year limitation off from it. I would give the rest of my opening to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, about 8, 30.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is...this is not a large item, but it's a kind of district that deals with those kinds of railroad problems that are important, I think, in most cities, certainly important in Lincoln, but probably more...even more important in cities of the first class around the state where crossings across railroads that go right through the middle of downtown and right through the middle of town are increasingly necessary, and this kind of district that can be formed by an agreement between the county and a city are essential to helping to build viaducts and accommodate the railroad coming through the middle of town and creating safety for the citizens and dealing day-to-day with that railroad line that comes through the middle of the town. So the purpose is as Senator Pedersen explained. It's simply to allow them to continue the work in the same forms that they've done the work in the past.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Pedersen. Open for discussion on AM1165. And there is an amendment. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Pedersen's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...is he...is he...is Senator Chambers present? Senator Chambers is not present so we will go ahead and discuss the present amendment before us. Open for discussion. There are no lights on. There are no lights on. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Pedersen, could I engage in a little conversation with you, please?