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local authorities, and I support Senator Bourne. I think we need to respect those individuals who have been duly elected, who are in a position of responsibility, and who can judge what is most needed in their own community. Again, I rise to support Senator Bourne, and I offer him the remainder of my time, should he care to use it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Howard. Senator Bourne, there are no further lights on.

SENATOR BOURNE: Did she yield her time to me, Senator?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, did you?

SENATOR BOURNE: She did. I'll use the remainder of her time and then, if there's no other lights, I will close. You know, this discussion should have happened on General File, I will concede that, but it didn't, for whatever reason. If I recall right, and I know if I say it not precisely, that Senator Baker or Senator Redfield will get up and immediately correct me, but I believe that it happened right before the lunch hour. And I was conducting, I guess, matters related to the Judiciary Committee, and I...this slipped through. I don't know where the lobbyist from the city of Omaha was, but he came up to me immediately after this was passed over and said, this is a problem. Now again, if I say this not exactly precisely, I'm sure I'll be corrected, but to my knowledge, this is unusual to dedicate sales tax money like this to roads. While I see there's a connection between motor vehicles and the sales tax that's assessed on them, and I know there's a formula as it relates to motor vehicles and tires and that, that some of that money...the sales tax on those products goes into the highway trust. But I believe that this is somewhat unusual, and I do want to talk to you about a procedural issue. This bill, or the amendment that was put on this that said the money, the sales tax on these cars, has to go to build roads, that was mirrored in a bill that I believe was LB 829. At the time this was adopted, LB 829 had not even had a hearing yet. So what we had was subject matter, i.e., the sales tax from the cars be used for roads only, that had not had a hearing at the time. Should we have discussed this on General File? Absolutely. Can I