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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Bourne, would you yield to a...so I can conceptualize what's going on?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly. Your young men need to be faster on the microphone up there.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: (Laugh) Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Let me understand. Right now we have \$9 million sales tax revenue that's unrestricted. It would go to the general fund, city of Omaha.

SENATOR BOURNE: That's correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And that...

SENATOR BOURNE: And \$5 million in the city of Lincoln.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And that money can go to such things as libraries, law enforcement, parks and recreational equipment, traffic control.

SENATOR BOURNE: Correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And essentially the way LB 248, as amended, it is now, that money will be restricted to only roads.

SENATOR BOURNE: Correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And so the thought behind your amendment, AM2110, would be that this would be a heck of a thing for the city to take, in terms of the other things that are now funded with that money, like libraries, like parks and recreation