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equipment, traffic control.

SENATOR BOURNE: Correct.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. Thank you, Senator Bourne. I appreciate that. I think it might be wise of us to take a step back and give serious consideration to Senator Bourne's amendment, in terms of the practical implications that the amendment, or that the bill as it's currently written, as amended, may have on our metropolitan class city. It's been demonstrated, to me anyway, that perhaps this could be a significant impact in other areas of the budgets within our metropolitan class city. As I mentioned to Senator Bourne, our library system, our law enforcement capacity, parks and recreational equipment, and things of this nature, I would hate to see a demonstrated deficiency in these areas, if we proceed with LB 248, as it's currently amended. I want to thank Senator....and actually, Senator Bourne, if you want the balance of my time, I'll yield. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you. I'd be happy to take the time. I want to point out, we've had people from Omaha stand up and talk about this, we've had people from Lincoln stand up and talk about this, but what about the people in Grand Island? I believe this would impact the city of Grand Island in that, in the way I read the amendment, it doesn't restrict itself to just the two largest cities. The city of Grand Island, if they receive money on the sales tax of cars, they cannot go and they cannot use that money to build a park in their community. City of Grand Island, the city council there, they would be restricted to using this money to build roads. Senator Flood came over and he asked me, he said, would this restrict the ability to do a methamphetamine task force? And I said to him, yes, because if you are using automobile sales tax money to fund that, you no longer could. You have to build roads with the sales tax from the automobiles. So is this a Lincoln issue? You bet. Is it an Omaha issue? Absolutely. But it's also a Grand Island, it's also a Hastings, it's also an Alliance, it's also a Norfolk issue. What we have done here on General File is