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SENATOR BAKER: No, I would not agree with that at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you think that the people who have talked prior to me were just blowing smoke or beating their gums, just to hear themselves talk?

SENATOR BAKER: I think they're doing it at the request of an Omaha lobbyist, who probably wasn't here when we debated the bill on General File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you offer the amendment on the...for the benefit of the road builders? Somebody wanted you to offer that amendment. So who wanted that amendment?

SENATOR BAKER: That was...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who benefits from it?

SENATOR BAKER: That was a bill that I carried for accountability purposes, and it actually was the committee amendment, the Revenue Committee amendment that was adopted on General File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the road builders and constructors are the ones who would gain from the amendment that you added to this bill. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BAKER: They're certainly one party to the discussion, yes. They're not the only one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you have worked and carried water for a special interest group also, haven't you?

SENATOR BAKER: I'm...no, I'd say the users are the ones that are going to benefit from this, making sure that the money goes to roads, and that is the citizens of, in this case, Omaha is fighting this amendment that was adopted on General File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who makes money directly from the construction of roads, Senator Baker?