

the streets and engage in this other activity through the money raised by way of the sales tax and at the same time make repairs by the traditional means. So as long as there is revenue which has been derived from this sales tax increase, that is the only means by which this activity can be engaged in and that activity can be engaged in which can be paid for by the sales tax revenue. Only that activity which can be paid for by the sales tax revenue would be allowed. That would require the City of Lincoln in a way that is very direct and traceable to show all of the residents of that city how this money is being spent, where the streets are, the sewers that are to be repaired, the appurtenances, the landscaping, and all of the things itemized in this amendment. The wording is not the easiest to come up with, but that will be the thrust of the amendment. And I think it is a reasonable thing to do. If streets are a concern to all of the people in the city and it's one of those things which people might refer to the infrastructure, meaning that which undergirds and upholds the entire city, this kind of thing that I'm talking about would be very appropriate because it would say that there will not be two methods of paying for these activities, two methods which allow for discrimination based on race or socioeconomic standing or the geographic location of a person within the City of Lincoln. If the only time that these repairs can be made is while there is sales tax money, that doesn't mean that repairs will be delayed for a great long time. It just means that if the circumstances are as pressing as Lincoln says or as Senator Landis wants us to believe, then they will spend all of this money that they raise immediately. But something that should be kept in mind, improvements and activities which ought to be paid for by property taxes are now being paid for by sales taxes if you allow this to happen. If the departure is once made, other cities will try to do the same thing. These two cities will try to hold on to that power because it's an easier...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...thing to do than to levy property tax. There are certain things in the way of improvements within a city which ought to be paid for by those who benefit from it. There are other things which are paid for by property tax even though others than those whose property abuts that improvement will benefit. If a new street is put in place, it will not be used only by the people who live on either side of that street. But, by putting in a new street, it does help to enhance the