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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...aren't really figured. If you read the bill, it's strictly buildings. Sidewalks are no longer eligible for this, this bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Well, I still have some problems with the bill. And I, I guess I, at this point, unless I can be convinced by some more discussion, then I don't think I can at this point support the bill simply because I somewhat agree with Senator Maurstad that what we're really doing is trying to say that big government knows better than, than the governments out there who are the more responsible probably to the taxpayers than we are. And so I feel like we're trying to show our super authority here as a body, and I just don't think that I, I can (recorder malfunction) ...that attitude and so I...unless we, unless somebody can come up with some way to show me that this is, in fact, will be beneficial to the taxpayers of the state, I just don't think I can support the bill the way it's written. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm just going to reiterate, so many of the things and questions have been asked that I had, but my, my big point about this new commission is that it is a new commission, and it will cost money. It's another layer, which I don't think we need. The counties, the cities, our own city in Lincoln, we have a planning commission. The school boards have their committees that have oversight on whether or not we need this. The county and the city have, I can't think quite of the name, the right name for it, and maybe Senator Schimek can, who decide whether or not a building will be built or may be built and so on. So I just don't think we need a group on the state level to tell the counties, cities, subdivisions, schools, whether or not they may or may not build a building when they feel they need one. I understand the point about the subdivisions communicating. But surely we're all adults and big people, we can pick up the phone and communicate without some state group telling us to do that. So, Senator Schimek, if you'd like the rest of my time, you may have it. Thank you.