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- *110 Wyman, LLC v. City of Minneapolis* – Court of Appeal holds that statutorily-imposed "reasonably related" special services standard, rather than common law special-benefit standard, applied to landowners' challenge to charges imposed on property owners in special service district in city's downtown.
- And finally, Officer Down! is brought to us this week by *Vaughn v. City of Carbondale*, in which Officer Jeffrey Vaughn made the somewhat-less-than-ultimate sacrifice when he reached into his squad car for the radio and bumped his head on the door frame. Laugh all you want, but your editor has involuntarily encountered more than his share of police car door frames and can personally attest that they'll leave a mark.

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