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of money from that fund whenever it becomes available. So there's an initial granting by the department to the small communities, and then the approval of the Legislature is required. And then it goes on to spell out some of the other issues that are incumbent within the 30 percent fund. The main issue, of course, before us is the main part of the bill, which is the Convention Center Facility Financing Act. I believe that the...that the Revenue Committee did good work in putting this together. I do know from a...I had a personal comment to this before I close, is that I look very dimly on this bill when it was first introduced into the Legislature. But as we move through the process, and as other ideas were developed and other mechanisms were put in place, I've come to believe that it is a reasonable bill, it provides the encouragement for our city of the metropolitan class to go ahead and propose to the residents, the voters of that city, the bond issues that would make the establishment of a convention center possible. In closing, I should also say that this does not include an arena. Originally, as proposed, it was a convention center and an arena for sports events. This does not include any funding available for that. It doesn't prohibit the building of an arena by other sources of financing as an adjunct to a convention center, but it is...that sort of construction would not be given any sort of contribution from the extra revenues that should arise from the increased sales and income tax revenues generated by the conventions that do qualify under what are really, I would indicate to you, I believe, are a fairly narrow set of qualifying circumstances. To truly indicate that for the throwback purposes they must really be either a regional or a national convention, attracting most of the participants, the registrants into the state before they can qualify for any allocation of throwback monies. With that, Mr. President, I would respond to such questions as I had until our Chair returns to the floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am totally and unalterably opposed to this bill. I represent an area of Omaha, and there are areas outside of the district that I represent which have been subjected to neglect by those who