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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were there any other than those which are educational?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I don't know that educational was discussed to any great extent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And since I only have a minute, I won't pursue this at this time, but I'm going to turn my light on.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, can you give us an idea of some of the types of conventions that the committee did discuss that might be drawn here by virtue of this convention center?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. The general discussion, Senator Chambers, was this. That if the state was going to have an involvement through the use of potential future state tax collections on expenditures of people coming to Nebraska to attend conventions, that those attendees should be for the largest extent from outside of the state of Nebraska and that the conventions that were qualifying be those that had not been held in this area for I think it evolved into the previous three years. So if there was in fact to be an economic benefit to the state that it had to have a system in place to measure new business rather than conventions that might have happened in Grand Island or some other Nebraska city and simply moved to Omaha so, yes, there was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Coordsen, would this include religious conventions?

SENATOR COORDSEN: There was no discussion as to the type of convention, whether it was agricultural convention, religious convention, political convention, simply the analysis was...evolved around the idea that if half or more of the registrants came from outside of the state and if it was not a convention that had been held in Omaha, a regional one, for the previous three years that you could in fact use the increased