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Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers, to speak to the Jensen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this will be the only time I'll speak on this bill. I agreed to Senator Jensen's amendment and it's kind of regrettable that these kinds of model bills, as they're called, can be presented to various legislatures in such a way that the impression is gotten that you have to take it exactly as it is with the atrocious grammar, the convoluted syntax, the errors that I find in it, the difficulty of figuring out exactly what clauses or phrases might apply to what preceded it or whether they apply to something which follows after. It is difficult for me to accept language like that going into the statute books of this state. Senator Jensen has been very accommodating. He is willing to do whatever is allowed but I'm such a stickler, brothers and sisters, for the kind of language that go into...that will go into the statute books, that I am wondering if I could be bought off. Senator Jensen, I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Jensen, would you respond to a question please?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, how much is involved in this tobacco settlement that the state stands a chance to realizing?

SENATOR JENSEN: \$1.165 billion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That would be \$1,165,000,000 or something like that.

SENATOR JENSEN: Something like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jensen. That has me wondering, am I willing for a paltry 1 billion plus dollars, willing to allow unsatisfactory language to go into the statute books of the state of Nebraska. It has me kind of wavering a little bit, but in view of the fact that Senator Jensen is going