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it. There was a second reason I did not support the plan last year, was that the placement of this convention center arena was to be in the Old Market neighborhood, which frankly is a neighborhood now. The inner city core of Omaha, known as the Old Market, is the fastest growing part of my district as far as population. The neighborhood has been made possible by those who wish to live there. That plan threatened that neighborhood. My constituents there that I represent in the Old Market resisted it heavily, and that was the second main reason why I did not support this...the concept that was presented to the body last year. This concept is different in those two ways. The siting has been proposed at the Union Pacific Railroad yards, which is, in fact, in my district. It is close to downtown Omaha, it borders on what many can call the Old Market neighborhood, but it does not directly threaten it, at least to the extent that it did last year, and to the extent that my constituents that do live in the Old Market are not concerned like they were last year. The second component is this does not call for a half cent sales tax increase. This bill does not call for a tax increase, it is only the throwback provisions. I wanted to make that very clear. Now some may say this may cause a tax increase. Well, frankly, if the city of Omaha wishes to build something, they can do that now, albeit the state would not be a partner in it. But right now they could divert money away for a specific purpose. It is those who run the city of Omaha, our city councilmen, I have two in my district, Subby Anzaldo and Paul Koneck. And perhaps part of it is in Councilman Frank Brown's district, as far as that one precinct. But anyway, there's nothing preventing those in the city of Omaha of spending a lot of money right now, diverting from A to B to C, perhaps an argument being made that some neighborhood is being neglected. This bill does not force anything like that to happen. This bill simply makes the state a willing partner in a project, if it is approved. It is up to the city of Omaha, the people's representatives through their city council, through their...their mayor to decide, you know, how this is going to take place. The obligation bonds is something that the city council is going to have to wrestle with. The bonding mechanisms are something that a bonding company is going to have to take a serious look at to double check, triple check, and to make very sure that the funding patterns are indeed accurate and sustainable. This discussion, I believe, needs to take place in