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the City Council Chamber on, what is it, LC2, in the Omaha Douglas County Civic Center. This bill is only concerning with the state partnership. This bill does not call for the city of Omaha to raise property taxes or anything like that. Can that occur? I can't say that it can't occur, but I can say that my job...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...as a state senator is to see how, through my office, I can (1) make sure that I don't raise taxes and do the responsible thing; and (2) try to provide for a better standard of living in Omaha. That's what I believe I am doing by supporting this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to this first component of the committee amendment, Senator Chambers would move to amend. Senator, I'm...I'm...with respect, I'm looking at what's on your laptops as floor amendment 133, which begins on page 1, lines 4, 5, page 2, line 7. (See FA147 on page 1758 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For the record,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment says the following...let me tell you what it's going to do, and then I will read the page numbers and the lines. And I understand it's on your gadget. But it's going to strike the term "financing assistance" and insert "subsidization". I want it to be true in terms of what this bill is doing. Senator Hilgert spoke in general terms about all the good that this thing is going to do. But he cannot specify any way in which it's going to benefit the community that he represents, other than downtown, and certainly there is no benefit to the community that I represent. As for the city council, scanning the paper this morning, I didn't have a chance to clip it, they're giving \$382,000 to some development that the World-Herald is interested in, then another seventy or \$80,000