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Should I be asked any questions, I'll try to answer them with their substance as it applies to the bill, as much as possible, but I cannot and will not support any amendments because of a commitment we made to the Revenue Committee. The amount of work they did to design and develop the language was vital and important. And I think it indicated, as far as they're concern and as members of that committee, their interest in making something that's important really work for the state of Nebraska. For those of you that are interested, I happen to have here one other thing I'll share with you. By the way, other states around the country are developing this kind of a concept in convention centers, and I'm going to sha...as we discuss this issue, share with those (inaudible) from time to time, so if you do get carried up in or not carried up in the conversations as they're being developed on the floor, you can read some pretty good comments, like the one I just got in from Oregon, where on a 39 to 7 vote, on April 22nd, they approved of a national and international convention center program, and they're right across the street from Portland, Oregon, so you know how interested they are. But I have here also the method of figuring, so you know, because some question was raised about how can we be sure there is honesty and integrity and, in fact, good accounting procedures for those numbers that will be reported from a convention center, commission, or whoever manages this sight. Number four and number five of this report indicate that the above figures on attendance must be verified by the clients for fear of penalty, and number five, the reports are to be submitted quarterly to the state office, and have to be audited regularly. Not only that, but I have attached to this, if anybody is...I'm not going to copy this, too many trees will cut down if I do this. But for any of you that might be interested and want to take the time to see how the system works, how the auditing takes place and how the verification of the numbers can be justified and verified, I got it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Chambers, on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 382.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I heard Senator Lynch loud and clear. And since we're on the committee amendments, I would be asking Senator Wickersham these