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would...you would generally expect, if I understand you correctly, that the operation of this convention center as a separate entity, receipts, expenses and so on, would or would not show a profit, if you will? And again, I direct you away from what might be benefits that would chase through the economy. I'm just talking about the entity itself.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I have...if I'm...if I have a proper recollection, I've never tried to run one of the things. But I think I can recall reading an article some months ago indicating that the proposal, at that time, the proposal was a combined convention and arena, and it was not expected to break even on an operational basis for...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham, this is going to get somewhat complex, because I don't know who...let me ask this question, who drafted the language for this...these committee amendments? Who actually drafted the language...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if you know?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There were a variety of persons involved in the drafting, George Kilpatrick, the committee counsel, Senator Landis, I believe, reviewed the language, counsel for the city of Omaha,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...reviewed the language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you turn to page 3, and now I mean, you know, 3 of the amendment.