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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to make it joint. It could be a city and a county.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be two cities.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, any combination of any number that wanted to cooperate for this purpose.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, the reason that we have all of this language is for the purpose of allowing Omaha to build a convention center and get a kickback from the state in terms...or based on revenue that would be generated by this operation, which revenue is what they call "new", and it's new because it's generated from people outside of Nebraska who come here. Is that right?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what makes it new? New...new crisp dollars or new based on the people who...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...contribute this money?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, I want to be careful because you said it was new in terms only of those persons who come from outside the state of Nebraska. It is also possible to make an argument that it is new within the state of Nebraska; that by causing an opportunity or a reason for persons to, even persons who now reside within the state of Nebraska, to spend their money rather than to save it, that that generates economic activity and benefits.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the basis has to be...that's when...