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opinion, the authority to do that already exists under general obligation bonding authority for a city, I would bet.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, the value of this bill then would be to give people in Omaha the idea that somehow the state is going to get involved.

SENATOR LANDIS: If I...that's right, I think that's what this bill does, is create an optional mechanism, a point that you've made here, that creates a throw-back revenue stream to the city. And the point I think that you're making here is that that revenue stream is optional, it is...it's...it is not guaranteed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could be nonexistent, in fact.

SENATOR LANDIS: It could wind up being nonexistent. There is no state liability and no state requirement in the bill for funding a convention center in Omaha. There is a mechanism for the approval process of an application and then a throwback, but it would not have to happen. I think that's a...I bet that's the answer you wanted to hear, isn't it, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want the truth and I believe you've spoken it.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if somebody disagrees, they'll enlighten both of us. This is a political bill designed to trick the citizens of Omaha by making them think somehow there's going to be some state participation. Let the ground be broken, let there be some construction undertaken, and let there be no way that one of these applications can satisfy this board that there's going to be enough attributable income generated to have this 70 percent kickback to the city. But then the fathers of the city, as they're called, I call them the tricksters, the hucksters and the flimflam men, will tell the people in Omaha, well, now we've started this, we've got to complete it; we need a bond issue. And then they will crank out all of their money, like they did on that 413 proposition and got it on the ballot. And they could carry an election because they're the only ones who would be really out there pushing for it. And, in the same