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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I do want to look at these findings because that's what would have been stricken by that vote had it been successful. In line 23, we have a conclusion stated, "It is therefor in the interest of both the state and its political subdivisions for the state to assist political subdivisions in the financing of the construction of convention and meeting center facilities which may be used to hold regional, national or international events. The amount of state financial assistance provided to the project shall be a designated share of the new state tax revenue attributed to such events and facilities." Then when you get into the bill, you see that all of this language in these so-called findings is surplusage. It's unneeded, and it is not accurate. It is not informative, it is a commercial just like the kind that appear on the radio in Omaha now saying, "just build it, they will come." It doesn't say who will come, but based on what Senator Landis' understanding is, at least 50 percent of those who attend one of these...who register and attend will have to be from outside of Nebraska before the event can even qualify. Now I have to ask Senator Landis a question to see if I understand back to the participants. Senator Landis...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...your understanding...we're not talking about the definition now...

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with the application.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Once 50 percent of those who register and attend are from outside Nebraska, then everybody who attends is counted toward establishing attributable income?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes. That certainly was my intention when I asked that the language be drafted and that's the way I read the bill.