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been talked about, I know that people have talked about an arena. I know they've talked about sports.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh. I know they've talked about rock concerts. The kind of facility that could have all those would be that sports or entertainment arena, and what was in the green copy of the bill would have allowed that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and it's gone. So when you just recited that and you said this building, we do have an understanding of the minds between you and I.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is nothing in this bill that's going to bring Elton John to Omaha, Nebraska. If they did, he might be able to have to have a trade show with some tractors and a panel discussion and 1,500 attendees who were sitting down in an auditorium, but there's going to be no rock stars singing in this convention center to 20,000 screaming Omahans or half of whom came from out of state to come see him. Not going to happen, not part of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there may not be time to answer. Do you have any approximate idea of what the seating capacity is envisioned for this building? If you don't, that's okay. I thought maybe somebody had said.

SENATOR LANDIS: You know, I did. I do have a number in my head, but it's almost intuition and I'm not sure whether...whether I imagined it or whether I actually heard it in conversation that I have any basis to be said out loud, but my number in my head is between 1,500-2,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That's...okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: But that's as good as I can do.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.