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economic activity to measure a positive benefit to the state for the purposes of calculating the throwback.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Coordsen, would you say that a political convention is to educate and instruct the participants?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, from what little I know about political conventions, I imagine there is some amount of education involved in any convention, even if that education is to learn things you didn't want to know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think these words are necessary to the bill, "for instructional and education of the participants"?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I think that those words in the context that you're presenting them are in fact somewhat limiting to the scope of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now, Senator Coordsen, the question I want to ask you is this. When you were, although I'll go into it in more detail later, but you brought it up, was it the committee's understanding that when we talk about these participants who were from outside the state that once you have 50 percent, however you determine that, of out-of-state participation then the total number of participants, even those from within the state, will be available to determine attributable revenue?

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's correct. After you had reached the qualifying level, then all of the registrants would be calculated as part of the contributing revenue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is quite clear, isn't it, that if 50 percent of the people come from Omaha that is not new money or what was the Revenue Committee's rationale?

SENATOR COORDSEN: No. It's not that clear, Senator Chambers. The issue is this. Number one, we're talking about a major regional or national convention, one that's not been in Nebraska for a number of years. Now if we'll say 1,000 people, that's a small amount, 500 of those came from Omaha, if that