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a shambles now. People on this floor don't even know what education is about, don't know what education means. So when you have individuals who do not understand a subject legislating on it, all they can do is generate problems. I do not believe this language tells the truth. What I ought to be doing, which there is no way to do, is to see how many senators believe this language. But the fact that they want to keep it in indicates that they believe it. I would like to ask Senator Coordsen a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Coordsen, would you respond?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I'm here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Coordsen, when the committee was discussing this bill, in what way was the committee persuaded that it's going to benefit, it's going to be to the economic well-being of the state as a whole because that's what's being alleged in this bill? It's not just for Omaha, it's for the state.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I would guess that, and again, many of the questions you ask I don't recall were ever directly discussed on point by the committee during the discussion of...that became the committee amendments to this particular bill. But Omaha is part of the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And there were two facets to the discussion from that perspective and, one, that a convention center of this type, if it was beneficial to the state of Nebraska...to Omaha, would be beneficial to the state of Nebraska. And the other is the little addendum to the bill that divides up the increased revenues to provide assistance to smaller communities that you're well aware of that provision that you'll get to later in the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Yes, which I call the crumb snatcher provision.

SENATOR COORDSEN: But anyway, that's...those are two of the