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SENATOR DIERKS PRESIDING

SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's the end of the state's involvement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now the bonds don't actually have to have been issued before an approval will be given of the application, isn't that true, only that they say they will seek and issue?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I think that the bill is probably silent on that. I don't recall the exact language. I would say that the intent of the Revenue Committee which is why, by the way, you mention, talking about bills on the floor is why maybe we ought to be looking at amendments of substance, but you don't want to do that. But anyway... (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I have some, but I don't want them adopted.

SENATOR COORDSEN: But anyway, the point of it is that, as I understand the process, as we discussed the process, the trigger has to be the passage of a general obligation bond issue that is sufficient in size to pay for all of the cost of a convention center.

SENATOR DIERKS: Time. Senator Chambers, you're next on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Senator Coordsen, I'm not going to wear you out on this one. I will talk and then when we get into that area more specifically then I will question you because this is my project here. I want to slay this dragon. Well, I'm sorry. I apologize to all the dragons of the world, whether they're from mythology, whether they're the Komodo dragons or any other true creature known as a dragon. I want to exterminate this salamander. That's the way I view this bill, small, slimy, defective genetically, able to survive only in the most favorable environment. What I'm looking at in this bill are the kinds of things that I want the people of Omaha to suffer because their politicians have not told them the truth.