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into south Omaha as well as the use of the building, I believe there's two competing ideas right now to do a basically elderly high-rise out of that building, which I might add is two-thirds of the square footage of the Woodmen Tower. It's an awful big building. And also there's another group that believes they can accommodate some residential but would like to focus on economic development and business enterprise within that building.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there as much work being done by the Chamber of Commerce and the city administration to make those projects reality as we see with reference to this in LB 382?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'm not aware of any involvement from the Chamber of Commerce on that, but they very well might be. I'm just not aware of any.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Members of the Legislature, I will not turn away from the neglect that is going on in Omaha.

SENATOR DIERKS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm disappointed, although I guess I should say not surprised, that Omaha senators have been so silent on that issue but will flock to support a project like this with so many flaws and loose ends and which ultimately is a tax increase bill. General obligation bonds are not going to be paid from the deposit on pop bottles and aluminum cans. They're going to have to use tax money and that tax money is going to be levied against or taken from the residents of the city of Omaha. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on the motion of Senator Chambers to reconsider. Those in favor vote aye; opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 1 aye, 7 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President. Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Chambers, I have what I'm calling FA138 now, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1764.)