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SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA138.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, so that this is in the record, on page 1, in line 13, I am striking the word "can" and inserting the word "may"; and in the same line, I would strike the word "will" and insert the word "may". Again, this language is not well chosen. What the language says now is "The Legislature finds that convention and meeting center facilities can generate new economic activity which will in turn generate additional state and local tax collections from persons residing outside the state." I would like to ask Senator Landis a question on this language.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, we have been discussing, and I'm not going to go into all of it now, about the role played by these participants. In this language it's focusing on tax collections from "persons residing outside the state".

SENATOR LANDIS: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you see that language in lines 14 and 15?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is the emphasis placed there, when really it would be tax collections from persons within as well as with outside? Why didn't they just say "tax collections", if you know?

SENATOR LANDIS: We certainly could have, and what you say is true. It is of interest to us, generally, for example, in tourism and in economic development location to encourage business that's being done elsewhere to come to the state, so that language was chosen. But, in fact, the expansion of business would occur from people inside Nebraska spending their time at a convention here rather than leaving the state and going someplace else. You could say it the other way as well.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, based on some of the