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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Suppose the language says something to the effect, if they wanted to put something like this in it, that the convention and meeting center facilities...

SENATOR LANDIS: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...may generate new economic activity...I don't want to try to restructure it here.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thanks, Senator Landis. Oh...

SENATOR LANDIS: May I just say, maybe you're not asking me a question, my guess is that if you and I sat down, we could probably craft better language than that that's in there, and I think you want to make that a part of the record. And I would acknowledge that that's so, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Landis. And, members of the Legislature, I had talked about grammatical problems that I find with the bill. But I actually think these findings are misleading. I think when the green copy was put together, it was put together by the political hacks in Omaha, in the Mayor's administration and the Chamber of Commerce and these business people who think they know so much. What this segment is designed to do is to give the impression that there is going to be increased tax collections from people who don't live in Nebraska, that this convention center is going to draw those people in. More tax money will be generated, that tax money will go into a pool, which ultimately will kick some back to Omaha to help underwrite this convention center. If they were not trying to mislead, they would not have had to have even mentioned "from persons residing outside the state". They want to focus on that. They ought to say, at best, if they're going to make a comment like this, that these facilities "may generate new economic activity". The word "may" is more appropriate than "can" in this context always. This is just a bad selection of language to put the word "can" there. But, when we go across the line and get to the word "will", we don't know that for a fact. That word "will" should be stricken and replaced with