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of this state? I would like to ask Senator Bohlke a question, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bohlke, if a thing is essential, that means it's necessary and something that you have to have in order to have the object that you're talking about. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would agree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think this convention center is essential to the educational progress of this state?

SENATOR BOHLKE: For the educational progress of this state?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I would like to ask young Senator Smith a question, if he can stop reminiscing about when he was selling firecrackers.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith, would you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, you are a very young person here in terms of chronological age and time served in the Legislature, so your view I will take to be objective. Do you feel that this convention center is essential to the educational progress of this state?

SENATOR SMITH: I would not term it essential, important, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about it may be helpful?

SENATOR SMITH: I would call it helpful, yes.