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SENATOR BRUNING: A gorgeous place. Let's say they wanted to build a museum, and maybe they have a museum. I haven't been down there in some time. But let's say they wanted to build a museum or a...or a convention area for smaller...smaller groups, businesses to rent out and have in that gorgeous setting meetings. Indian Cave State Park could apply, or the county could apply, for funds. If they could raise half of the funds locally, they could get the other half out of this...out of this fund that we're talking about in LB 382.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, Senator, I thank you, Senator Bruning. Let me put it in perspective. I do know a little bit about the bill because I have looked at it. I'm not just...I'm not trying to play a game. I knew that's part of it. The reason I brought that subject up, I wanted it defined and you did a good job of defining. You can't take it out to...to, for example, build a fire hall in the community or something. In other words, what you're saying, it's something that has to be an attraction that would bring people in your community, and I think that's fair. I'm not criticizing. I'm just saying that those are the kinds of things, Senator Bruning and other senators, that we need to talk about because those are part of the bill and I think it's important that we understand that. I'm standing here telling you...not telling you now whether I'm going to support it or oppose the bill. I'm just telling you that I think it's only fair that we, who are outstate, are probably never going to participate, and I shouldn't say never, but, as you indicated, there's a possibility, but we need to understand what the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...real goals and...is happening. And one other question I want right quickly, you said \$900,00. How did you...how do you determine \$900,000 a year would be the number? Is that an estimate or is that a...where'd you get that number from?

SENATOR BRUNING: Senator, that was a rough guess based on the...on rough number provided for how much an Omaha convention center would generate, which would be about \$3 million a year. Wouldn't be the first year, but after a couple, three years, it