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SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of this facility, or that it could be used for other public...

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...I think if a person wanted to ensure that that interpretation was done, we wouldn't have used that complete phrase, I would think, in the green copy language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Coordsen. Now what I'm going to go to is the term in subsection (5) of Section 3, namely, eligible facility, because that's what I had been discussing during the morning, and I think this definition definitely needs work because we are limited in this definition to the following; a publicly owned meet...convention and meeting center facility acquired, completed, or substantially reconstructed or expanded, after January 1st, 1999. We have the word "or" used throughout in this definition. But in the body of the bill, we find other words that are used in connection with this eligible facility. Also rather than using the word "or" at the end, the word "and" is substituted, and when the word "and" is put in place, you create a series, each one of which elements must be present. When the word "or" is used just in front of the last word, it means any single item in that list would suffice for the purpose being considered. So in doing some rewriting of potential amendments, I didn't undertake to resolve all of those problems, but what I did was to draft language in the intent section that may be based on legislative history, if this bill passes, which it may not, but if it did, would be a basis for construing and interpreting this language which is inconsistent. However, if we reach a point where amending can take place, we would not have to act with haste because for us to reach that point it would mean that some agreements had been reached among people whose word could be trusted, whose word means something, and I don't know if we'll reach that point. But if we do, then we wouldn't have to do it in an ad hoc basis on the floor with my offering amendments, which might make people suspicious because of the fact that I'm offering them. But here is some of the intent language that I had used to incorporate every term that I saw in the body of this bill relative to this facility: In financing, the construction, acquisition, substantial reconstruction,