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the benefit of the enterprise. I see absolutely no way to distinguish a convention center, or arena, or whatever it is from any other enterprise, or any person that might come to the state of Nebraska and say, I am going to be gainfully employed, or I'm going to gainfully employ others, I'm going to make money, I'm going to buy a building, I'm going to conduct some enterprise that will return or produce monies for the state's fiscus; but, oh, by the way, I'm absolutely not going to do that unless you give me X percentage of it back. Now, I don't know when we will be next confronted with the issue that this bill presents, but we have clear...if this bill passes, we will clearly show that we will respond to those demands. And once you've responded to that demand, you can easily expect more. Ultimately, if we acceded to all of those demands, we would have no state fiscus, we would have everyone engaged in some enterprise for their benefit, and then receiving back from the state all the fruits of that benefit. There would be no state. It is ultimately, I think, against the notion of what government is for, to say that it is to collect and then to return back the enterprise from which it collected. Makes no sense. We may as well not have collected in the first place. Now, whether or not Omaha needs, whether or not the state needs a convention center, I think, is entirely separate from that issue about how we treat tax policy in the state of Nebraska. We pay taxes because it benefits us all. And then we, through programs, deliver services to the people of the state of Nebraska that are necessary to maintain this as a state. I can't see that this bill does that, and therefore I can't support it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Chambers, you are next to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Wickersham gave a very reasoned argument against this bill. Senator Tyson gave a "Tysonian" argument against the bill, and I have given my types of arguments against the bill. Senator Tyson flatters himself if he thinks he will be the only one voting against this bill. I'm going to ask for a machine vote and a record vote so that we will have, for all time, a memorialization of those who are instrumental in putting such a scheme as this in place. If, as I have said over and over, I don't believe the people of Omaha will approve of a bond