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that be the sports show, the home show, the product show, and Omaha does not have a large enough facility to accommodate those individuals. And with more space I think that you're going to see more conventions, more people brought into the state and to the city. I was one of those who, when it was talked about that we were going to have a convention center and we could do this by increasing sales tax, I was opposed to that. Now we have an opportunity where really the business that is generated is the business that is taxed. I...I...as far as I'm concerned, that's a users tax, which is the fairest tax that there is. And so I think that makes sense. But when this was brought up a couple of years ago here, well a year ago, two years, that we were going to have...put a convention center, which would have been at that time a little west and south of the Old Market, one, I thought the location was not proper, but then I didn't like the idea of a sales tax, and I had been to an NCSL Conference, where a senator from Kansas was talking about a super bond issue they have down there. And they will be breaking ground soon for a Land of Oz, a theme park in Kansas City, Kansas, where, through...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...the Legislature they developed a plan where they took 1,000 acres to build this theme park. And the state allowed them or is allowing them to take all the tax dollars generated there to be kept there, to retire the bonds. And I mentioned this to the convention people or the Moxie (phonetic) group, and then also Arkansas has a plan similar to this, and that is kind of what resulted in what we have here before us today. I think it's a good solution, I think it will help the state of Nebraska. I think we will see conventions come into this state, dollars left behind, and also it will be a great attraction for more business, more individuals to our state. I urge that we pass...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...LB 382 and just see what it produces, I think you'll be pleased. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers,