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then you'll find the money"? Why doesn't Warren Buffett do this?

SENATOR JENSEN: I...I guess it doesn't fit his mold.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think \$210 million is too large an amount for private investors in Omaha and their connections to ante up, if it's going to be a profitable venture?

SENATOR JENSEN: It's a large sum of money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could they do it?

SENATOR JENSEN: I don't know. They...they are going to, for my...from what I understand, put in a substantial amount of money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much did that First National Center in Omaha cost, if you know?

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, I don't know, large dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it a lot? Huh?

SENATOR JENSEN: Big dollars.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And is any of that paid for by tax money?

SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All private money? So we know that, if there was money to be made here, private investors would be getting in on it, other than those who were going to buy the bonds, wouldn't they, or you don't think so?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I...I...in other cities I think this is similar to what other cities are doing, other states are doing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they're not...convention centers are not making money in any city that you know of, are they?