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SENATOR JANSSEN: ...no, you're not...we're not chasing a dream there. In 2002, there was \$151,000 put into this fund. They expect, in 2003, to be \$462,970. So, you see, as the years progress and this convention center starts to do more business, 30 percent of that is going to come back out. So it could be a considerable amount in 30 years.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So there will be some chances for other communities to tap into this fund, is what you're saying.

SENATOR JANSSEN: They would make their application for this grant. Yeah, you know, and you were here, you remember, that's about the only way we were ever going to get that convention center bill passed, was if they had this provision in there.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Thank you, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Aguilar would move to amend with AM0176. (Legislative Journal page 398.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar, you're recognized to open on AM0176 to LB 385.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, my amendment would read, on page 2, strike beginning with "five" in line 8 through "thousand" in line 9, and insert "one million." Senator Janssen was exactly right when he talked about that there's cities, like Fremont and Grand Island, weren't going to be satisfied with a cap of \$500,000; therefore, we would like to move it to a million. I'd like to point out, when outstate Nebraska voted in favor of the convention center in Omaha, it was with the idea that there was language in there to allow other cities to benefit from that as well, not just Omaha. For that reason, I'd like to change this to a million so when and if we do have money in that fund we'd like to take advantage of it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. You've heard the