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opening on AM0176 by Senator Aguilar offered to LB 385. Open for discussion on AM0176. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler waives closing...I mean waives the opportunity to speak. Others wishing to speak maybe to the bill or to the amendment are Senator Janssen, Senator Bourne, Senator Connealy. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Well, here we go. Pretty soon it's going to be \$5 million, then \$10 million. We don't have the dollars there now. Senator Beutler, could I carry...redo our...renew our discussion here?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler, you would probably be just as opposed to a million dollars as you would \$500,000, I mean for the city of Lincoln. Am I correct in looking at it that way?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, I guess I'm interested in some formula that is presented to us on some sort of equitable basis, and I don't pretend to know how to do that exactly. Maybe you gear it towards the size of the community. I mean sometimes we do it just on a per population basis. I, you know, there are three or four things that bother me about the concept. One is the dollar amount and the fact that it doesn't seem to have any relationship to the size of community that's benefited from a particular application. But, you know, with respect to some of the small communities, I don't know if they're going to need a convention center kind of thing. Maybe the definition needs to be a little bit broader to include,...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...you know, you talked about aquatic facilities...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or other sort of amenities. You know, when