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the commitment made some years ago when the Omaha Convention Center bill was passed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. In spite of overwhelming support, I'm going to withdraw this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. We're back to discussing the bill. Open for discussion. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Beutler and Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I won't take up much more time, but I just want you to be aware that any of the appropriations that DED would give to a community must be approved by this body. That would be an appropriation to DED for a certain community, still has to come back here and be approved. That is in the statute right now, and if anyone would like a copy of that I would certainly be glad to show it to them. So we still have the last say here. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. On with discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, there were several questions about how the statute read, so I just pulled it. In case you're interested, I just wanted to read you a couple of parts. First of all, with respect to the kinds of projects that you can do, you can do civic, cultural, and convention centers, and a center means a civic, cultural, or convention facility or area. And then the grant application process goes forward and it says that an applicant may receive assistance only once for construction, renovation or expansion of any one center. So you can apply once only for one center but, depending on how many centers you might have and how broadly that's define, you may be able to apply more than once for more than one kind of project. And then it says the department, the Department of Economic Development will evaluate all of the applications based on the following criteria: "(1) Attraction impact. Funding decisions by the department shall be