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is located within 25 miles, or was located within 25 miles within two years previously. What you don't get to use is this bill to move your store 25 miles or less to get to a new place. Require the application of a tourism development to be an eligible area, and an "eligible" means essentially largely undeveloped. Provide that the area may extend up to 10 miles outside the boundaries of a metropolitan class city so that we, in other words, we don't limit this to just the Omaha area. Limit project applications to two years after the effective date of the act instead of 36 months; in other words, an even shorter window than was originally in the bill; two years to get your application in to do this work. The original bill contained both restrictions, so the amendment clarifies which was to be operative, two-year window. Require other contemplated developments to be listed in the project application. Require the project application to contain a detailed plan of the financing. Change the audit responsibility from the local board to Department of Revenue. Clarify that the sales tax to be imposed in the district by the county must be outside the boundaries of any municipality with a local option sales tax. And the total rate of tax could not exceed 1.5 percent; in other words, if you're using a county sales tax. Clarify the annexation of the tourism district would not allow annexation across county lines, and that the amendment would provide that the relocation assistance required under the act must also comply with requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance Act as administered by the Department of Roads. For the most part, technical; doesn't significantly change the underlying operation. It leaves intact a relatively broad list of reasons that a developer would get to use these monies for, reduces the window for which we'll be able to make a couple of start-up examples of the use of this idea that we'll be able to evaluate, and sets the stage for a couple of amendments that will be offered later on--one by Senator Redfield on eminent domain and one by myself that ties to an idea of Senator Howard's, and also some of the provisions that have come because of the Kansas audit. Now we're going to hear about the Kansas audit from Senator Raikes, probably Senator Chambers. And what the Kansas audit came back in and said was, look, some of the language was ambiguous in the bill, and they spent money for things that seemed beyond the spirit and intent of the Legislature, for