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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Landis, did you say Texas is offering Cabela's \$31 million to come to Texas?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, but close. What I said about Texas was \$80 million for two stores. I also said West Virginia, \$35 million for one store.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So who is offering them money now that Nebraska is competing with?

SENATOR LANDIS: Recent projects have included Nevada and Pennsylvania and West Virginia. But I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They're already there.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...I haven't asked what other stores are on the line. I will say that Bass Pro, which did build in Iowa, was given \$20 million by Iowa to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But Iowa is not looking at Cabela's, Cabela's is not looking at Iowa. Is that true?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't know that they are. By the way,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...you and I both remember the story from LB 775 years ago when it was, you do this or we'll leave or move, that kind of a language that I think put us both...I haven't heard that language and it hasn't been phrased in this area. What I will not represent, you won't hear it coming out of my mouth, is if you don't do this, Cabela's will not come under any circumstances, under any or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I'm aware you didn't say that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay, and I just...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. I'm clear on that.