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means. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion on the motion to bracket, Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Friend.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I first want to say that I am a supporter of tourism and I believe we need to do more in this area. But I do question including the retail establishments in this type of bill, and I agree with several of the speakers that have been before us. I do believe that it creates an unfair tax structure for these...for certain retailers. I would hope that we could look at this bill and maybe amend it to exclude the retail establishments, since we are really talking about tourism. When I think of tourism, I think of amusement. And I am certainly very open. There's been some discussion about an amusement park. I think this would be a great idea. Why wouldn't these companies want to come to this metropolitan area? According to some recent newspaper articles, the metro area tops 800,000 people, so why wouldn't this be an ideal place to come? And I'm thinking of in the amusement, particularly in that area. I believe that Senator Redfield was sharing with me that in Cabela's, in their annual report, 40 percent of their business relates to clothing. I don't really consider that...and she made some reference to that. I really don't consider that entertainment. Just because you have some stuffed animals, stuffed...I mean, yes, stuffed animals...and I've been to Cabela's in Sidney, I've been to Cabela's in Kansas City. The Kansas City district is extremely interesting because of the Nebraska Furniture Mart, another retail business. I have two daughters that live in Missouri. We have have two daughters, and they...this has certainly been, you know, probably one of the greatest drawing cards is Nebraska Furniture Mart, because there simply aren't places to buy furniture in the Kansas City area. So it was very wise of Cabela's to locate in...also in that area. Those are just some of my thoughts on this issue. I would hope that maybe...as I say, I'm supportive of tourism, but I would like to look at that issue of excluding the retail establishments, and when we're really looking at tourism, that we look at the amusement, such as the Henry Doorly Zoo, which is