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LB 500

got 1.7 million people here, we'd better figure out how to punitively tax each and every one of them. Boy, we're not hitting that one; we could sure create a use tax here. We're not hitting those guys; let's go ahead and go get them. We're not expanding...we're not growing that 1.7 million people; we're just there. We're stagnant. Does this grow our economy? It quite possibly could. LB 500 has the potential to expand our tax base. All things being equal between places like Colorado and Kansas and South Dakota...oh, for that matter, California and Nebraska, I would say we wouldn't necessarily need the help. But to me, to push Nebraska past Wyoming, with the Yellowstone Park sitting there, an automatic draw; to push Nebraska past a place like Colorado, with the Denver and Boulder night life that we all know, or some of us, and love; to push us past South Dakota, who's got four presidents on a mountain that people and, for some reason, everybody...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...on a Harley-Davidson loves to drive by; to push us past a place like Minnesota, with 10,000 lakes; Carhenge is not enough. I don't think Carhenge is on this list. Maybe it should be, it's probably up there. I love this state. I love what it has to offer. Creative, proactive, and an attitude, taking an attitude about the way we approach things. Look, this bill could die. I mean, I've seen bills...I've seen my own bills die. I'd be fine with that if that happens. But I do think this is innovative. I think it's creative. I think it's...and I don't think it's reactionary. I think it's proactive, and it's a pilot, for all intents and purposes. I say let's see what happens. Let's give it a shot. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Here we go again. Another tourist attraction, collecting sales tax, keeping 75 percent of it. You know, I have a race track in my district, attracts an awfully lot of people to it, an awfully lot of people. They have a