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up a business in Nebraska, I have no problem with that. I guess I would like to ask Senator Landis some questions, if I may, please.

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Landis, would you respond, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Is this, when you have, you call it, this tourism and development, now is this going to be on an area that's out in farming country or where is this thing going to be located at?

SENATOR LANDIS: Eligible area means an area either within a municipality or any combination thereof. We actually deleted...want to delete some boundary areas here, in which by reason of (a) the existence of significant areas of unimproved or insufficiently developed lands; the lack of a significant number of new and growing business enterprises; the lack of sufficient economic growth; the lack of a state, regional, or local development plan or program; the existence of significant conditions which prevent or do not promote economic growth within such area; the existence...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now...

SENATOR LANDIS: ...of unimproved land...

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...I can understand that part because that's written in there, but actually where is this? I mean, evidently somebody has got some idea where they want to locate this thing. Is it going to be near Omaha, is it going to be near Lincoln, or is it going to be out here around Milford? I mean, somebody has got an idea where it's going to be if they're going to do it within two years. Can you tell me where it's going to be?

SENATOR LANDIS: Three...there are three groups that I know of who have expressed some interest in using the bill. One of those is Cabela's, and that's in Sarpy County. One is the Kansas City Royals, the K.C. Royals, who are interested in north Omaha. And there is a theme park that's interested in along