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I-80 someplace a little closer to the interstate than where Cabela's is looking at in Sarpy County.

SENATOR LOUDEN: But this would already be in some urban areas where there was...there's already businesses or developments or something going on now. I mean it isn't going to be out there and overrun a cornfield to build this thing.

SENATOR LANDIS: I can't say that that's true, no, and I would anticipate that you would be taking some agricultural land...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...for at least two of the projects, although I think the one in Omaha that's being under consideration is in an urban area.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. That's...when they talk about spending \$20 million, I'm wondering if they're having to purchase some high-dollar land to do this. In other words, this is just another business that's starting up as an operation. The problem I have with it is the 75 percent of the sales tax that they generate, that would be the state would be footing the bill on that. I don't have any problem if the city or the county together want to give their sales tax to helping promote something like this. Or if they want to give their tourism development money to something like this, I have no problem with that. That's local. That's their business. But I really do have a problem with using some of the state revenues on your sales tax to fund something like this. If this is going to be in near Interstate 80, there's going to have to be some, probably, interchange work done. There's going to have to be something done in order to get the traffic on and off of some of the expressways. So there's a lot of infrastructure there that I'm sure that if it's near Interstate 80 that the state is going to have to pick up. This is one of the things that the state of Nebraska makes a good deal of their money on, is to have a...

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...developments along the interstate and