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Bosselman project, the Family Dollar Store, the West Fourth Avenue retail store. In Platte County, the Village Addition Shopping Center--all using an income stream for the purpose of creating opportunity and development. Now, the standards here are higher. What we ask in return is higher. The payoff to the state will ultimately be higher. But as far as crossing some magic line, we've crossed it. We've been there, we've done it. And by the way, the return on investment here is very high. At some point, I hope that we'll call the question on reconsidering the motion, and get on to the bill. How about that? A novel idea. How about the amendments from the floor as the topic for what we should be talking about? I'll put my light on, and see if I can't see if we can move towards talking about the bill itself.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Jensen and others.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I still stand before you saying this is a bad idea. You know, before someone--a company, Cabela's--before they decide on a location, you know, I'm sure, as big as this company is, that they'll study a location to see whether it's feasible to put a retail outlet in that particular area. We all know that the metropolitan area of Omaha is growing by leaps and bounds. Pretty soon, they're going to be reaching the Elkhorn River and Dodge County. You know, they even cross county lines. I...but this company is so large, and I'm sure that they have got economists studying the situation, and they wouldn't think of locating a retail store in an area that didn't have the potential to make them some money. It's a great company. They have a lot of enthusiasm in their business. And why shouldn't they? They came from tying fishing hooks with feathers on them in a small garage. And I commend them for that. And no, they wouldn't be coming to an area that hasn't been tested and hasn't been thought out on how much money can be made there, or whether the traffic would allow that. Senator Johnson talked about the golden road that goes through this state. It is. And that road comes pretty darn close to the area they want to locate in. Millions and millions of cars, trucks. In the summertime, you know, there are people going from one end of this country to the