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other. They take I-80. So we do have a golden road coming through there. And that's the reason that they want to locate along that golden road. They've been in business a long time, and they have, I'm sure, people working for them who study this, to pick out a location that would be profitable to them. If we don't allow this to happen, I'm sure that someone will locate in that area. May not be Cabela's. If there's some other company that is similar to them, which, you know, there aren't too many that are similar to Cabela's, but let's do it the American way, and not ask for a handout. Those tax dollars that will be lost to help a company, we may need those. We may...it looks pretty good right now, but we may need those in a couple of years. And this is going to go on for a long time. Those dollars will keep flowing into the pockets of retailers to help them build buildings. And I just don't think that's right. That...if we're going to do this, let's do it for everybody, and then see what happens to your tax base. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I do support LB 500. I'm rather a simple person, and when I look at issues--and my wife will tell you this--I'll usually pull out a legal pad, and I'll put a line right down the middle, and I put the pros and I put the cons...I put the pros on one side, the cons on the other side, and I start listing. And then I go through and make a decision on what is the best thing to do on that particular issue, whatever that might be. And I do that if it's buying a car, or buying a building, whatever. I go through this very simple process. I didn't do that when I decided to get married. (Laughter) But from that time on, I have. But...so I go through this, and I call it the "what ifs." And what if we don't do this? What happens? Well, first of all, I think we've missed a tremendous opportunity. You know, for years I've been here, particularly on the gambling debates, and just saying that we have to have gambling because all the money is going over to Iowa. Well, Bass Pro Shop are building a building in Council Bluffs, and they're building that building because, it's my understanding, they received \$15 million in some sort of a subsidy to do that. And so if we don't do that, again, Nebraska dollars are going to Iowa. And