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and/or alive, I will raise my hand and I'll say, I was wrong. I've done it before, and I'll do it again.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one thing that I don't think has been pointed out, or at least not directly pointed out--this, to me, is a quality of life issue. And we're doing economic development for the state of Nebraska. To me, this is not an economic development issue; this is a quality of life issue. And I would guess that if this takes place and a new company is looking at locating in the Lincoln and Omaha area, when they're recruiting this company, they'll say, by the way, we have a wonderful theme park out here, and by the way, you can go to Cabela's. You know, I've never been with a group of men who say, we want to go shopping, we want to go with our wives shopping. But I can tell you, when I go on a fishing trip, there's about six of us that will go to Kearney and have dinner, and then we'll visit not just Cabela's, we'll visit the other sporting goods store also. Now, I hate to admit that about six guys go shopping about once a year. But it's Cabela's. This is a quality of life issue, I believe. And I think it will help attract people not only to come to Nebraska for destinations. It's not so much the destinations. But I think when we're recruiting companies to come to Nebraska, I think it's going to be a tool. By the way, we have a nice theme park out here. By the way, we have a Cabela's out here. It's a world destination. I find it amusing that when the Nebraska Division of Tourism and Travel...they call this a Nebraska attraction. They don't call...Senator Janssen, they don't call Walmart an attraction. And I think that's a difference. I think Cabela's is more than retail. It's above retail. I'm sure that a lot more people go to Walmart in the state of Nebraska than go to Cabela's. But it's not an attraction. I recall that Walt Disney took his children to a park one afternoon, on Sunday afternoon, and he said, wouldn't it be nice