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on spending, there would be \$140 million. This is an estimate. If you add the park and the Cabela's taxable sales revenue, annually it would be about \$140 million. Over a ten-year period, 25 percent of the state tax would end up with the state. That's \$17.5 million over ten years. That's not bad. Additionally, there is an investment on both ends, roughly \$25 million for Cabela's, roughly \$130 million for the park--that's property tax--is unaffected by that. So local entities, schools, counties, receive property tax revenues. Finally, there's a local sales tax element to this, up to a 1.5 percent, that counties could implement a local county tax on those very same things that the state is taxing. And over ten years, that would amount to local sales tax revenues of \$21 million. So if you add it all together, you've got about \$38.5 million over ten years that the state and local entities would realize, plus property tax. Would the companies that participate in this receive benefit? Yes, but it's performance based. They have to perform; they have to sell. They have to sell products and services in order to receive their...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MINES: ...75 percent of the sales tax that is spent. The state is not out anything up front. The counties and cities aren't out anything up front. I think STAR bonding is a unique, ambitious, and will be a successful tool for Nebraska. And I support the amendment; I support LB 500. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Brown and others.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm still listening on this issue. It's just General File, and I know that there's a lot of discussion going on, but I did want to bring something out that...I've been doing some research on the Internet. I found something talking about what...Kansas did this. Kansas did STAR bonds, and there's an article that was just posted a month ago in the Kansas City Star. It's dateline Topeka. Lawmakers are angry over the use of tax incentives at Village West and Kansas Speedway are calling for more oversight