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and Olathe Republican. It's just so clear that they violated the intent of the law. But lawmakers don't want to hamper future redevelopment projects there and elsewhere. And I think that's what we're hearing on the floor today by the proponents. What I would hate to see us do is stop that development, said Representative Tom Burroughs, a Kansas City, Kansas, Democrat. My concern will be that we need to have assurance that this money is going to be used properly, and part of that assurance, for me, would include specific legislative oversight or an audit of some kind, and maybe...perhaps, specifying the area, you know. This...it's kind of open. I'm not sure that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...any other places would use the benefits under this legislation, but it does not specify, as Kansas' did, as to the specific location that it was to be placed. One other thing. There was an article I got from the Lincoln Journal Star here that says...this was written by Rodd Cayton, Wednesday, May 18. Even if LB 500 does not pass, Minard said--this is the owner that going's to be putting the amusement park in--the Wild Escape theme park portion of the resort will be built in five years at the most, he said. He has signed contracts committing Wild Escape to a specific piece of land, but he declined to identify the location, saying developers of other components of the resort are still trying to acquire the land. So again, this is the developer of that amusement park, who is quoted in the press as saying that whether or not LB 500 passes, he said that it will be built. Now I don't know. He said that same thing in Kansas and didn't have the money to do it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. On with discussion. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I appreciated what Senator Combs just said, because one of my concerns about this