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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I shall not be deterred. I shall not be moved. I shall not relent. You've got a ruling that you wanted. Somebody said, be careful what you pray for, because you may get it. And I always add to that, you may get what you pray for, but it's not what you wanted. You got exactly what you asked for, but what you asked for was not what you wanted. Now, you're going to get what it was, ultimately, that you asked for. And I assure you, I will not get tired, and I will not run down. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Cudaback--Senator Cudaback, I'm sorry. Senator Landis, I think that the portion of the amendment that is before us is an improvement of the bill. When I go back to the original bill that it refers back to, it talks on page 2 about such development or redevelopment into entertainment and tourist destinations will likely not occur in these areas, if left to the normal regulatory process and the ordinary operations of private enterprise. Now I can't say I agree with that statement, because we just, in Senator Brown's priority bill, created a corridor entity to provide for orderly development of the I-80 corridor between Omaha and Lincoln. I think it's generally accepted that we're going to see that develop in our lifetimes, and they'll be fighting over the land, so I don't think we have to worry about that. Senator Beutler brought up an issue talking about the board here that would actually approve the project. They're in the bill; there are three people that comprise that board: the Governor, the Treasurer, and someone from the investment council, the Nebraska Investment Council. And I do see potential for mischief. While you may see that that's safer than what we have, I would say to you that the process that we have developed in LB 312 and previously under LB 775, we have criteria that is set out, it's objective. The Department of Revenue looks at it. Did you meet the criteria? If you did, you get it. It doesn't have anything to do with personalities. It doesn't have anything to do with whether I like you or I don't like you. It doesn't have anything to do with whether I'm making a subjective decision, because in this bill we actually have that board looking at it,