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Treasurer also has...I'm hearing some rumors that he may be running for the 3rd District seat being vacated by Tom Osborne, so again, I don't think we're going to have an independent, objective person. And I don't think it's fair to put a political entity in this position of making that decision. So when I was talking about the bill earlier, and some of the things I think we would need to address, I think there are some serious things like that where, are contributions going to come in from these entities into the campaign funds for these people? So I think there are some serious things, and that's why I think an objective analysis, as we have created in LB 312 with some of the safeguards, might be the best way to address this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Raikes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, if you think that this policy approach, this experiment in policy, is unworthy or too damaging to our existing process, I'd suggest voting against the bill. If you think that Cabela's is going to come anyway and we're going to wind up giving money away to somebody who's going to be here and it doesn't make any sense--in fact, we're giving up money that we would otherwise get, and that's your prognosis for the future--I'd vote against the bill. If you think that the definitions are too broad, that the terms are too expansive, and that that can't be resolved in some kind of trimming between now and Select File and Final Reading, I'd vote against the bill. On the other hand, if you want to take a chance at a window of opportunity for this state that other states have made use of, and produced very large investments, very significant growths in employment and an asset which, over time, will yield a whole lot of money to this state because of the sales tax it does, this is a possibility. Now Senator Chambers, in this case, and I are vastly different in how we see this situation. I would suggest this. I'm prepared to throw the dice and to place myself at the mercy of my colleagues and render myself instructed at your conclusions as to whether this is bad policy or not, in which case you'll kill the bill, or you won't advance it. Fair enough. I get that. On the other hand, I'm not afraid of giving this issue to you.