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center or something that was going to be built in Omaha, and your implication was, is that when the original convention center bill...and I think the original convention center bill was a Senator Lynch bill,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it was.

SENATOR BOURNE: But you had mentioned this one-stop center that, as part of Senator Lynch's bill going forward, that would be built by the city of Omaha. I went out and asked the city of Omaha lobbyist what you were referring to, and he had no knowledge of that. So it sounds like you're upset because the city of Omaha didn't do something you feel they had committed to doing, and that's part of your rationale for your amendment. Is that accurate?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's not just that, that was one element of the bad faith shown by Omaha, but the fact that I had said if they got the convention center, that would be their primary area of interest, and north Omaha would be ignored. All of the development that has been occurring in Omaha has occurred around the convention center. And the lobbyist who now works for the city I don't think was the lobbyist at that time, but I'm not sure.

SENATOR BOURNE: I think he was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: So what is this one-stop center that you're referring to?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will have to get the articles, which I do have, and I will present them to you before we debate this again, because we certainly aren't going to move the bill today.

SENATOR BOURNE: I agree. So rather than a specific policy issue as it relates to your amendment, you have more of a grudge in that you're uncomfortable...you don't like how the convention center financing was handled, and that's why you're trying to keep your...this...the city of Omaha out of the ability to