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participate in this endowment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm tying it in now as another thing as to why I'm opposed to Lincoln, because it's a Lincoln senator's bill that is keeping this convention center problem alive. The leverage that would exist if Omaha was faced with raising the property taxes would be taken away. There could then be a discussion, without Senator Landis' bill, of the harm that that whole convention center thing has done to north Omaha. And there can be a direct link shown, not this morning, because we don't have enough time. But I had stated that Senator Landis played a part in the convention center then, he's coming back now, and the complaints that I make about the bad impact it has on us, meaning my constituents, will go nowhere. So I'm just going to deal with them the way they've dealt with my constituents. If this will benefit Lincoln, I'm going to hurt Lincoln as much as I possibly can, just as my constituents have been hurt and will be hurt again.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I'm going to stop talking now, because I want to hear from Senator Landis. He's next. But I do want to say, Senator Chambers, I want you to think about this, I think that the people you're asserting that you're protecting are actually going to be hurt by this endowment not going forward. I think, my neighborhood is also in north Omaha, and I'm encouraged when I listen to Senator Beutler and talk to people from the city about what a potential endowment like this could do to my community. So I would say that perhaps you might want to think about the bigger picture and that this could actually help our area of Omaha.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you through, Senator Bourne? Senator Landis, you're recognized.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. These pieces are intertwined; let's talk about them. Fair enough. My perspective is that Senator Chambers' agenda, rather like Senator Bourne's idea, will in fact have a counterproductive impact. But I'll be instructed by what Senator Chambers has to say on this score. Why is there a bill on the arena this year? Because Omaha brought in a bill that