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SENATOR MINES: I would say it's a...it's a transition, a soft, easy transition from one subject to another.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That was well stated. And could it be considered a lead in?

SENATOR MINES: Could be considered a lead in, yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mines, do you live in or near Blair, Nebraska?

SENATOR MINES: I do. I live in Blair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mines, are you familiar with the airport facility in Blair, Nebraska?

SENATOR MINES: I am somewhat familiar, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On what is your somewhat familiarity based, if it's not too personal?

SENATOR MINES: I am familiar with the airport from being involved in city government for 13 years. And most recently I have watched the progress of the construction of a new facility south of Blair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were you here when I was discussing with Senator Baker the appointment of Mr. Acklie to this board?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, I was, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then you heard our discussion...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about some design work that took place with reference to this facility.

SENATOR MINES: Yes.