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just thought it might be of interest to you to refresh your memory in that area. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: In the event the Howard amendment comes to a vote, I'll be voting against it, in that I think parking actually costs money and these fees do go to the eventual success of the project and would otherwise become, if there was a failure, property taxes. But let's move on, because I think it's possible that we will not face a vote on the Howard amendment. You might wonder why I would introduce LB 1105. I'm not from Omaha. I don't have anything to gain from this bill. This is not my community, per se. The reason that LB 1105 came in is because I saw the proposal from Omaha which abandoned the principle of sharing a new income stream. I think that was a good idea, and in fact, I think that principle is a pretty fair one to allow. If you've got a demonstrably new income stream, the state is not losing money when it diverts that temporarily, temporarily, to accomplish some expansion of opportunities, the creation of a public asset, the creation of new opportunities. Simply allowing straight money, as the other idea was, did, I think, create a significant problem and it was not a principle that I happen to endorse. LB 1105 maintains that principle and simply says, wait a second, you know what? What was true about the conference center is also true for the sports arena, and for those things which we demonstrably can agree to as new the same principle applies. I endorse AM2389, the committee amendment; I do oppose AM2829; and I support LB 1105. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Further discussion? Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. One second, please. Senator Cudaback, I yield my time to Senator Howard.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. I