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SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will be supporting the amendment because I think that it gets not only the citizens of the city of Omaha, who have put their money out to construct a facility that has benefited the entire state, it gets them what they need; it also hopefully gets us to be able to do some things in north Omaha that will be beneficial. So I will be supporting the amendment and the underlying bill. I wanted to talk just a little bit more about the handout that I passed around about concert night occupancy to the same day of the week in the same month, because I think that it illustrates as well as anything that we really are attracting, in the arena side of things, people from outside the state of Nebraska, and that benefits not only the city of Omaha, but it also benefits the rest of the state. We have...we mentioned in passing the number of projects that have been funded in the portion of the money, the 25 percent of convention money, that goes for projects in other communities. There is a waiting list for those projects. If there is more money generated through this formula there will be more money for all the communities, not just the city of Omaha. And I would be glad to share with you the communities that have been funded money. If you want to ask about some of them that are on the waiting list, I would do that at a later time. The areas that have received the local fund money: Grand Island received \$500,000; Cambridge, \$100,000; Kimball, \$97,500; Hastings, \$120,000; Arnold, Nebraska, \$100,000; Miller, \$25,400; and Stuart, \$20,000. And I think that this is something that we need to do because the arena, and the convention center, but most particularly the arena has been an enormous boon to the entire state of Nebraska, has brought people in. I have a friend who is from out of state who does business in this state. Picked him up at the airport a few months ago and it had been some time since he had been in the state, and drove by the convention center and he said, oh my goodness. In just the time since he'd been here, he could not believe what had gone on in downtown Omaha and was very, very impressed. And I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Redfield, if she would like to clarify her previous remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Brown. I appreciate that.