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confusion, when I've talked to people around here, a little bit about the scenario when in-state attendees get counted toward the fund. Would you just explain that a little bit?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR KREMER: And I do understand that's existing law and what this would then expand it to the arena as well as the event center then.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR KREMER: So thank you, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. There are times when in-state attendees count, and there are times when they don't, and they count when we have a confidence that it is to a conference that is new, hasn't been here before, is not part of our existing economic activity. For example, let's imagine there's a Nebraska Cattlemen's annual banquet and it's been in Ogallala and Kearney the last two years, and it goes to the conference center in Omaha this year. Is that new economic activity? Revenue Committee said, no, it's not. In fact, we wouldn't want to reward the conference center for that because we'd only be rewarding them for taking the business from Ogallala and Kearney. So we want something new. Now let's imagine that the regional horsemen's association, eight states have a regional meeting, and for the first time it's in Omaha at the conference center. Hasn't been here for the last three years. In fact, hasn't ever been here. Forty percent of the attendees, because it's so close, happen to be from Nebraska; sixty percent are from the other seven states. All of those attendees are attending a new function, it's a new income stream, and all of those receipts count towards turnback, plus the multiplier effect that is used not only for what they bought at the conference center, and their registrations or whatever, but their hotel nights, their motel nights, and their restaurant usage. That's the multiplier effect that we use against all of those attendees. And why the Nebraskans? Because it's a new event to Nebraska dominated by outstate people that has evidence of being new. Now, when would an in-state person not count?