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SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on AM0773 offered by the Revenue Committee. There are no lights on. As Chairman of the committee you're recognized to close. I'm sorry, the light did come on just in time. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I said I wouldn't say anything else but I was prevailed upon to put something in the record as to why I have distrust. It doesn't now go to Senator Landis. It doesn't go to Senator Brashear. But it goes to the other players. Creighton is the headquarters of an evil genius. I could characterize Creighton as that. They wanted dormitories. When I went to Creighton, they didn't have that. Down the street from Creighton on 20th Street, they built a huge high-rise which was to be a residence for retired veterans. I said at the time, Creighton has something to do with this. They said, why, it's for veterans. I said, there's not parking space, none of the amenities that you need for old people are close by. This is a scheme. They never got the occupancy they needed. The building became available. A Catholic chap came and was the director of the Omaha Housing Authority, which had something to do with that building. It wound up through him falling into Creighton's hands. Then he left. No, it was a different one, it was a high-rise that OHA had that he did, subsequent to what I'm talking about. That building wound up in Creighton's hands. A city the size of Omaha cannot support two baseball fields. It's not supporting the one they have now. The team that is playing there may not be in Omaha very long. It's a farm team for the Kansas City Royals. And they take the better players as soon as they develop at all, so Omahans do not attend their baseball games. So it was said by these evil people that if you get a small, intimate stadium where it looks like more people are there than really are, everything is better for everybody. Who wants a ball field? Creighton. So you have this elaborate scheme laid out in the way that it is being presented to us now. Why won't Buffett and Scott, who are really the ones behind the Royals, pay for this if they want it? Why has the price for constructing it jumped from \$30-something million to \$57 million now that it looks like they can go into the state and get some throwback or kickback, whatever it's called? When the Royals fold, they've got a stadium that's not going to be used by the