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fair about this tax. You know the Boston Tea Party occurred because of taxation on tea and they said it was terrible that they had such taxation without representation. Well if they were here today they would be saying, my God, taxation with representation is even worse because of the way we represent one industry in this Legislature. Tax them, put them out of business. And there are those that will say, oh, this little tax isn't going to hurt. This little tax has been growing by leaps and by bounds. I oppose this amendment because I believe that we should try to support industry. You want to keep spending millions of dollars for economic development to bring new business in here. Do you know why? Because you are driving the businesses out that are here now. How many times have I heard Senators say, oh, if we raise taxes nobody will come to Nebraska. Ha, you can't keep what you've got. You can't hold onto what we have because we keep saying tax this sin. I want you to watch the board when we vote on this, Senators, because I am going to tell you something. Those very people that say it is wrong to collect tax revenue from gambling will be the ones that will vote to collect tax revenue from booze. They will do it to booze. Senator Pirsch is smiling and laughing but we all know that Pirsch thinks it is wrong to collect revenue on gambling but it is all right to do it on alcohol. Sin is sin, I mean that is what they call it, the sin tax. The money you collect, Senators, isn't going to amount to a hill of beans because you are already going to be paying out more and more for unemployment...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and when the unemployment runs out then they are going to go to the Department of Social Services for Aid to Dependent Children and it is going to keep on going like that. So if you want to do what is fair, I suggest that you look at other industries that haven't had a tax raise in 20 or 25 years and before you vote to do this poor industry in again, think about it. Is it fair? There is absolutely nothing fair about taxing one industry every three years and letting the big boys go for 20 years. I urge you not to support this committee amendment. Thank you, Senators.