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CLERK: Reads amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: I think with the explanation that I have given to you in the exchange of letters here, we should vote on this again with this new light in fact and with that I would, I would close my presentation.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Chair recognizes Senator Simpson, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, just a question of the Chair. If it's the same motion that was taken up yesterday and which failed, then this would be a reconsideration today? It's the very same motion.

PRESIDENT: Well, thank you for waiting. The Chair concurs, this is the same amendment as was yesterday but I think that under our rules it could be construed as a reconsideration, yes, but it still takes 25 votes one way or another so I don't care what you label it, it doesn't seem imperative as what you label it, it's being returned for a specific amendment and the action is separate and distinct, you had a chance to vote on it yes or no, doesn't seem like there's a parliamentary question that would be involved. If it is, it would be only highly technical. Senator Stahmer, did you wish to be heard? Alright, I would, Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, I want to talk against the motion of adopting this resolution or this, this amendment. If it isn't the silliest argument I've ever heard on an issue that was decided one day, yesterday, 24 hours ago, to talk about a letter because the Governor says if it's for

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the good for the co-ops, I'm for it and that gives us a basis for reconsideration. I think the Governor should run his shop over there and we run ours and not run because the Governor says he is for it now, if this additional information would prevail on your vote, then so be it, but there is no rhyme or reason for consideration or for the adoption of this amend--it has been reconsidered, but for the adoption of the amendment on those bases. I think it was clearly discussed yesterday of the importance of keeping our tax structure as it is and this is, as I indicated yesterday, not for the mill run and the average taxpayer here in the State. When we make this change, we're making it for all of the co-ops that operate within the borders of this State and they sell out on the open market. If they have tax exemption credits with the Federal Government, why does the State of Nebraska need to recognize that?

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Syas, then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I want to say this. It seems to me the Governor, after what we hear on this floor, is car--covering is cracking the whip and everybody's falling in line cause the Governor merely says, if it's for the co-ops, I'm for it. The Governor, I think is overlooking the fact that this is to, a detriment to other taxpayers. Now I was reading in last night's paper and probably many of you missed it and probably some of you conveniently kept quiet or, or didn't