

since the advent of the sales tax they have been taken off, not only on the trucking industry from one standpoint, but have taken off the sales tax. So I just want to tell you that the people don't know, and as soon as the people of this state find out who we are taxing and who we are not taxing, the revolution will start. I will tell you this, that they are not idly going to stand by.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely and then Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I rise in support of LB 17 and the amendments that have been adopted. I think it's a very good bill and I want to commend Senator Newell for introducing it. I want to commend the Revenue Committee for supporting it, and I ask for the members of the Legislature to support this bill, because I think it's long overdue for the reasons that have been expressed by the various members of the Committee...so eloquently expressed, I might add, because we have a serious problem in this state. I think we're moving more and more toward a more comprehensive review of the tax structure in the State of Nebraska, because these expenditures...these hidden expenditures, these tax loopholes, these exemptions, have gotten out of hand, and I think the people are tired of seeing more and more attempts to erode the tax base. I think this is the first step in trying to analyze the situation, come up with the information we need so that we can take a more careful look at what we are doing in the Legislature in the State of Nebraska. I think that this is a good bill. I ask for your support.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, and then Senator Simon.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill is one that would, if fully implemented, would certainly provide information to everyone that's interested in the dollar amount that by virtue of statutes, or whatever, have been excluded from the tax structure. I don't believe there is, as has been said, anyone around that has any idea of the total dollars that are exempt from the taxes in the state of Nebraska, and when we would get that figure, if it could be accurate or authentic, and I'll speak to that in just a moment, we would really be surprised how it matches up to the dollars that we do raise from taxation. I'm not sure that would change our decisions, but I'm sure that it would make us stop and think. I want to say that the...and I need to address this, Senator Newell, the fiscal note that you and others have been talking about, is in your bill book and it is a revised estimate of forty-one thousand plus. Now, I'm...