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citizens knowing full well that 9% of it we are going to keep. I think that it is time we stop doing this and give the people what they want. If you talk to people in your district you will find that they want to have the sales tax on food removed.

PRESIDENT: Before we call on the next speaker the Chair would like to recognize some fourteen seventh and eighth grade students, one teacher, a parent and the principal from the Bee Public School, Bee, Nebraska, from Senator Sieck's district. Senator Sieck is up there in the balcony with them. Would they all wave to the Legislature? Welcome to the Legislature. Also Senator Haberman has some guests. Ray Frank from Grant, Lynn Wedel from Grant, Arvid Ensz from Madrid, Wilbur Koehn from Ogallala and Jake Friesen from Madrid. Where are they...? Senator Haberman, where are they seated? Under the balcony over here. Would they please rise and be recognized? Welcome to your Legislature, gentlemen. The Chair now recognizes Senator Cope. Wait a minute. We have a motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk, I believe. Motion on the desk.

CLERK: (Read Newell's amendment found on page 1401 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Newell, before I do I just want to mention that the time, as far as the forty five minutes is concerned, has elapsed but, Speaker Marvel, if this amendment and the bill can be disposed of with just a... we have about four, three or four more speakers, is it agreeable to continue? The Speaker said it is agreeable so we will try to wrap this bill up and, Senator Newell, if you will proceed with your amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right. This is a very technical amendment. It is...this makes this bill very similar to Iowa and most other states in the union that have eliminated the sales tax on food. As I said before, twenty three other states have eliminated the sales tax on food. Twenty three states tax food. This will make this bill in conjunction with those guidelines. It is technical so we have a very clear definition. The Department of Revenue asked for this because if the bill passes they want to have it as easily administrative, as easily administratable as possible and for that reason I offer the amendment.

PRESIDENT: I am going to call on the names that have had their lights on to see if they want to speak to the amendment. Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the amendment?