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Governor, he checked with his fiscal people and they assured him that it would cut down on the overlay from 6½ to 6 percent and that is where he decided...he was reluctant to go the extra \$2 but after he was assured that it would not increase or I should say decrease the overlay too badly he went along with it (interruption).

SENATOR VENDITTE: So currently then it will cut down....

SENATOR MARESH: It will cut down a half percent on the overlay.

SENATOR VENDITTE: But you are saying this is not going to trigger any increase whatsoever?

SENATOR MARESH: Not the way we are presently standing on our (interruption).

SENATOR VENDITTE: Senator Maresh, I might just add that I have talked to a number of my constituents within the last several days and they are very impressed with the Governor's efforts to maintain government spending within the framework that has been imposed by the Legislature a year ago, and I think when the people consider the times as they are today and for the Governor to come up with the kind of fiscal budget that he has come up with, he has made many Nebraskans happy and particularly those people who live in the 7th District and I can say this because the Governor supports this amendment so will I.

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Venditte, what we are doing, we are giving some credit for last year where we gave an additional increase you know so we are trying to help the situation by giving them extra benefit now.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the amendment now, reluctantly, but I do want to comment on Senator, my good friend and colleague, Vard Johnson, when he made the statement that perhaps if we do not eliminate the sales tax on food that we will be using food as a weapon. I disagree with that because the way the bill is amended now at \$28 exemption on the sales tax on food, this means that everybody would have to buy \$933 worth of food to get this exemption and so I submit to you this morning that I do not believe that most of the people in the State of Nebraska buy this much food and so I would

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