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should keep here. So at least at this time, in this particular year I would not want to go to this new system. It may be something we have a second look at in the future.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam Chair, Senator Murphy moves to amend the Beutler amendment. (Read Murphy amendment found on page 567 of the Legislative Journal.) That is offered by Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: The amendment speaks for itself. It simply will eliminate the necessity of adjusting to thirty-five dollars and twenty-two and a half cents. It can be rounded to the nearest dollar either up or down but should reduce considerably the proposition of the refund. I would move its adoption.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Would Senator Goodrich, Warner, Murphy, Newell and Kelly turn off their lights? If you wish to speak on this amendment by Senator Murphy then please return your light back on. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Madam Chairperson, members of the Nebraska Legislature, particularly, Senator Beutler, LB 44, we have been negotiating this for a year trying to arrive at something that would be acceptable to the members of this Legislature, the Executive Branch and the people of Nebraska. Comes a formula now at this very late date when the forces have settled on an amount to whereby major overhaul of the taxing system comes as an amendment on the floor and to talk to Senator Murphy's amendment, right in the middle of this drastic change at this very late hour, Senator Murphy has punched a hole that you can drive a truck through in the words that Senator Beutler would have us write into the tax law. These are the very things that we must be very diligent as senators when we are writing law, to take our time, do it well, even if 44 has to be around for this year plus. This is a forum whereby we the people tell the king, this government what it is we want done. If it appears at times that maybe we do it sloppily, that may be true but we do it hard and fast right here at these microphones. Senator Beutler, I would do everything to help you and your idea become law but not in fifteen minutes, amending LB 44 just before Final Reading. I oppose both amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just wanted to make a two second response