

Martin Kahle. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 10, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments now, Mr. President, do become the bill and what the committee amendments are, provides that procedure to be utilized by University of Nebraska, state colleges, is the purchasing agent alternative. The bill as amended, therefore, establishes the same procedure for all tax exempt government entities. It pertains to the University of Nebraska and state colleges and was presented and discussed at the hearing. The committee in its wisdom and by some comments by the University and others, felt that in the best interests of the state, rather than having two roads to go on this sales tax exemption process, it would be much simpler and easier to only have one applicable. It was in that light that the committee chose to amend the bill that would put all governmental entities then in the same procedure relative to sales tax exemption. I again urge the committee to adopt or the body to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George, do you wish to be recognized on this bill? Okay, Senator Kahle. We are speaking now to the committee amendments. Do you want to speak to them?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Carsten just one question I think. As you know, Senator Carsten, the reason for this bill was that several cities, but especially the City of Minden, had erroneously or without knowledge paid in their sales tax on a public building that was being constructed when they were under the assumption that if they applied for a refund they could get it back. Afterwards they found out that they could not under the present situation and they had to go through the Claims Board and a lot of rigamarole to attempt to get it back. They don't have it back yet but we will be hearing about it in this body before long. Does this take care of that problem?

SENATOR CARSTEN: It takes care of it inasmuch as there is one procedure that all must follow. There would not be a multiple choice so that they would still be in the same category as all others. There would not be a question of