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I urge you to oppose the Kahle amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes. All that Senator Newell says is probably correct, but we have one problem. I am sure that Omaha, Nebraska, and Lincoln, Nebraska, and probably Grand Island and Kearney and Hastings have a fulltime attorney and probably a fulltime man that does nothing but look at grants, and when you get into the smaller communities they do not have that option or service nor can they afford it. So what we are trying to do here is to make it even. They are not trying to get anything for nothing. They can do that right now if they want to. If you apply early enough for your exemption, you are going to get it. And as Senator Warner said, it is not always above board. Now these communities that I am talking about are above board. They have put this money into the pot. It is \$5200 for the City of Minden and some six thousand four or five hundred dollars for the City of Holdrege, and I can't in all good conscience sit down here in the Legislature and say, well, you guys made a mistake so it is tough luck, you can't get it back, unless you go through a process that will cost some money and time and then they may not get it. There isn't any other tax that I know of taxed by the State of Nebraska or the federal government where you can't file an amended return or request of some sort and get your money back. But under this process it is very difficult and almost impossible. Now I think, in all fairness, we should work out a solution so that they can get their money back if it is paid inadvertently. If I pay too much income tax, there is a way for me to get it back, but if you pay in your sales tax when you build a building in the city it is almost impossible to get it back, and that is the reason I introduced the bill. I hope you will vote for the amendment. If we need to adjust it some yet and as Senator Warner suggested, I certainly would be very amenable to that. I know it is not perfect. We are working with the League of Municipalities. We are working with the Revenue Department, and right now they think this would help solve some of their problems also. So I would hope that you would go along with the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle has closed on his amendment, this amendment to LB 660. (sic) All those in favor of the Kahle amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. I am sorry, 666. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: How many are excused I guess is what I need to ask. Five?