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ready to be delivered to the various central distribution points, we oftentimes have a real shortage of common carrier grain cars. But I genuinely question whether exempting our local cooperatives and whether exempting our local elevators from paying a sales tax on the grain cars they purchase or lease will provide such an incentive to those local elevators or local cooperatives that they will acquire grain cars and then use those grain cars to make up for the shortage. Obviously, that was an act that could have taken place over the last several years but truly has not. It seems to me that a three percent reduction which is what the elimination of the tax will do, is not the kind of reduction likely to provide a tremendous incentive for the purchase or the lease of those cars. I, frankly, see this amendment as an attempt to again whittle away at the tax base. I see the detriment of the amendment as far outweighing its benefits, and I would urge the body to reject it. I would urge the body to reject it not only because the detriment outweighs the benefits, but also because again we truly are offending our sense of process in putting the amendment on this particular bill when the other bill is well up on the agenda and can certainly be scheduled for Special Order.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I also am in opposition to Senator Schmit, and it is not often that I rise in opposition to the Senator. I think the situation has been pretty well presented to the body this morning. I support 795...did in committee, and I want to assure you as, at least, as my understanding that we are not losing dollars because it is not now being assessed, but that there is the projection that it might well be assessed and it was in that light that LB 795 came into being. I do agree that the process that is being attempted is again one that we have done, yes. I'm not sure that all we do is proper and correct as past history has shown us, but I believe that 795 will come up and that there will be opportunity to present to the Speaker for the agenda a Special Order on that bill. I would hope that you would seriously consider all of these things that have been presented to you on this amendment this morning. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I would speak on behalf of the Schmit amendment. It, as I understand

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