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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I will close. Are there other lights?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right, I will let Senator Lewis take up my time.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch is up next.

SENATOR NEWELL: I will yield my time to Senator Lewis then and then I will close.

SENATOR CLARK: All right. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I wanted to say on this bill very carefully so that everybody understands it, it is not my amendment. I got a call from one of my local friends who is one of my best and he says, about this Lewis shrinkage amendment, this amendment belongs to Newell and Johnson and not to Lewis.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I move the previous question, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, it is a moot question now. Senator Newell is going to close on the amendment.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, this shrink issue has been before this body, it has been before the committee. It has been discussed. Bills have been introduced. This is an ongoing long time not to cease sort of debate and issue. Now the industry itself has indicated that we have a very generous shrink and that in most cases they even admit that the shrink is far more generous than what real shrinkage is. This is the industry admitting this but they say there are some cases in which we need a full three percent shrink because there are certain situations generally rural jobbers who have a problem. Their shrinkage almost approaches three percent and, therefore, three percent seems reasonable. Now that is the industries speaking. Now the fact is that no other state in Union is as generous as the State of Nebraska in terms of shrinkage and we are fairly generous in this area because there is a very effective lobby supportive of this generous shrink and I have noticed in my short, brief time in the Legislature that when there is an effective