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CLERK: Mr. President, the second Kahle amendment he refers to is on page 1518 of the Journal.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, Mr. Speaker, we have worked on this bill a great deal. Senator Carsten had some problems with it. Senator Warner had some problems with it when we brought it up before. The League of Municipalities has worked with it and I could take a lot of time and try to explain the biggest problem I had when I came with the bill was that certain municipalities, especially small towns, if by some chance or other, paid their sales tax on a public building in error, could not get their money back and there were towns that had that problem. Minden, Nebraska, was one of them. They had to go through the process of getting their money back through the system that we have and Holdrege, Nebraska, now has a problem. They have paid money in that they can't get back. So this bill takes care of that. I think Senator Warner still has an amendment that he wants to put on but I don't want to take time. I think the Revenue Committee agrees it is a good bill now. I think that Senator Carsten is satisfied. The League of Municipalities is satisfied and I think when Senator Warner gets his amendment on, he will be satisfied so I move the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: You had better move the amendment first.

SENATOR KAHLE: The amendments, I mean.

SENATOR CLARK: All right, Senator Newell, do you want to speak on the Kahle amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Just briefly. I would like to say that originally there was a misunderstanding. We got together. Senator Kahle provided an opportunity which there would be a group of people getting together to understand better the total problem and through his leadership and the leadership of the Revenue Committee's Chairman, Senator Carsten, we were able to work out what I think is a reasonable, overall solution to what had become an annual battle over how we were going to provide for exemptions from sales tax for municipalities and other nonprofit organizations. Consequently I think we have now arrived at a very good bill, one that will over the long run be a preferable solution to this whole problem and I just want to thank Senator Carsten and Senator Kahle for their work and effort in this regard. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Kahle amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those