

if all of these things can actually be done before we commit ourselves to spend the \$871,800 because we're going to spend that before we have a chance to get back any of the millions of dollars that somebody might tell you that this bill is going to raise. So I think we ought to take a little more time and chew on this a little bit more before we adopt the amendments and then if they are adopted, advance the bill and I'm sure Senator Johnson has a good answer to all these points I brought up.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to respond to some of Senator Haberman's questions. Senator Haberman, Senator Haberman, are you listening? Okay. I have a revised A bill that is less than \$200,000 a year, but they're still working on that and they believe it may be a little less than that. So I wanted to call this to your attention. Also a spokesman at the Revenue Department said that we may be able to collect a million dollars or more a year and, Senator Haberman, this isn't peanuts. I wouldn't mind putting \$150 or \$200,000 out to collect a million dollars and then you talked about it being unconstitutional. Well we have many bills here that are constitutional suspect and, sure, this one probably is too, but doggone, let's go ahead and pass it. Let's go ahead and try to collect some of this use tax that we're entitled to. Why should merchants here in the State of Nebraska have to collect that sales tax and remit it to the state when out of state merchants do not have to do it? That's very, very unfair to me, so I would urge you to adopt these committee amendments which become the bill and then we'll go from here. And I'll have this fiscal note pinned down exactly when we debate the issue on Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I really did want to make a comment that was not so much pointed at Senator Haberman, but kind of would put this bill in perspective. If the committee amendments are not adopted or if LB 552 is not adopted, we are really prepared to say that we want our Nebraska merchants to bear the 3.5 percent sales tax, but if somebody wants to sell the same products, the same merchandise to a Nebraska resident through the mail we would not want that person to bear the sales tax. Now