

Revenue Department was provided with a list of all of the new manufacturing firms that have come to the state since '81. They would identify none. They were given a list of all of the new products that these manufacturing firms produced. They would not identify which ones got the sales tax exemption. This has been the most close kept secret of everything that I've ever seen and quite frankly when you get to going after an amendment like this that helps the consumer, it angers me because we don't even know now where the money went. I will support Senator Goodrich's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins is next, but I wish to announce that Senator Eret had some visitors in the north balcony. There were 18 third and fourth graders from Dorchester, Nebraska, and their teacher. I believe they have gone, however, at this time. Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of Senator Goodrich's amendment. I believe that Senator Johnson, in saying that it will cost the state a lot of money, may be a short-sighted view. I think we must consider the long-range prospects of this amendment in that it will encourage industry to come to Nebraska if we maintain a climate that is conducive to them coming here and making a profit and for that reason I urge you all to think of it in terms of a long-range aid to the State of Nebraska in bringing industry to our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please, then Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the nicest thing to do as a member of this body is to vote for a tax exemption. In fact I remember when I