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SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: (No response.)

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Labeledz on the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I reluctantly will support the amendment only because I know that the Department of Revenue has been having a very difficult time in policing the sale of pickles in the State of Nebraska. What we are doing by removing the \$2 per box and raising the tax one cent, 1 percent, is bringing in money to the Department of Revenue in order to police and enforce the pickle rules and regulations, and unfortunately, there needs to be that, very desperately, and a system set up where we can send people out in the field and check on where the boxes are being sold, how they are being sold, where the money is going to, and I am not saying that everyone is doing wrong, but there might be some difficulties out there, and the Department of Revenue just does not have the staff nor the money to do what they are supposed to do. So as I say, I reluctantly agree to raise the tax, remove the \$2, and the sale of pickles by any organization can be adjusted by the payout if their revenue or gross receipts or their profit, I should say, is lessened by this 1 percent tax. Perhaps the distributor that has been charging \$2 a box may lower the price of the pickles to the organizations because they will be eliminating the \$2 a box. I would like to see that. I doubt if it will happen but perhaps the organizations can ask for that. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Anyone else on the amendment to the amendment? If not, Senator Johnson, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I will waive closing.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, the question is, shall the Vard Johnson amendment to the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk. Relax for a second until we get the machine repaired again.