

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would hope you would not adopt the amendment. What we are doing is using an average to apply to a specific, but you have been told that on the average \$318,000 will yield X amount. Now common sense will tell you that that does not hold true, for if it did, as it was pointed out at General File, we could add three million and generate forty million...3.8 million. It just does not hold true. Now the operations...General Fund, \$9.5 million, Department of Revenue. If there is a soul in here that believes that \$318,000 added to \$9.5 million is the difference between effectively and efficiently collecting taxes, you know that is not right. You can't stand here and argue that the solution to the problem is throw in more money. You know that is not right. If anything, put the pressure on and tell them, do more with less. That might be effective, in fact, we have been doing it for state government generally. Over the years we have repeatedly added money to the Department of Revenue attempting to encourage them to be more effective in collection, repeatedly added money to make them try to be more effective in property tax administration. By and large, they turned money back every time we did it. I would urge you to reject the amendment. Three hundred thousand more in \$9.5 million does not provide you any answer. I hope we don't get led astray with a variety of motives, most of which are, I am sure, sincere, but I hope we don't start all over again and we are sitting here right on the brink. I would urge you to reject the amendment and let the bill be returned to Final Reading.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Honorable Chairperson and members of the Legislature, I am in favor of this amendment and I hope it will be accepted. I wonder how we can talk about...I just got a copy of this resolution that most of you signed praising Internorth. We can support...the Legislature can support them, but not an agency of government. Prostration again, in front of a bunch of people who...Senator Wesely, Internorth is not working for America, they are working for profit, that is all. They started to give inexpensive natural gas. They haven't continue that way. The way they announced that they are going to send their operations down to Houston indicates that they are phasing the whole thing out. They are not going to stay in Omaha. They don't have