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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I guess perhaps I've calmed down just a little bit from this morning. But last evening I had about a half hour phone call from not a constituent, but a concerned citizen who wanted to report to me some business organizational structures that he had been made aware of that people were making in their personal assets in order to avail themselves on their home of the homestead exemption that was available to the homeowner on the first, you know what is it, 45,000, I forget exactly, we've changed that a little bit. And people who, by anybody's estimation, in the community had substantial amounts of income, but had reduced their personal income, their noncorporate income to an extent that they, or they and their wife, were getting less than the amount that would incur for them 100 percent of the homestead exemption. Which, we all know, is a welfare program. Whenever I hear comments about issues such as 1113, I tend to get a little angry. I remember, and perhaps...Senator Janssen apparently has left the floor. But in northeast Nebraska, it may have been Nickerson, there was a news story, as a matter of fact it occurred twice, of a man that moved a large hay and livestock barn by hand. And what he did was had his son, who was an engineering student, calculate out the load, how many people it would take, what the barn weighed, and it was a number of tons, and then they fastened a pipe all the way around and got enough people so that they picked up something like 40 pounds a piece, and these people picked that barn up and moved it over to the new location and the new foundation. The point of all of that is that we're not imposing extra taxes with these efforts. Several things happen. One, it puts our retail businesses on a level playing field. But, more importantly, it provides the opportunity for more people to share in the services that they're using, because the more hands that are carrying the load at 5 percent or whatever the tax might be, if you include your municipal optional rate, the lighter the burden is for all of us. You know I do take some exception, in the absence of knowledge, with a figure that I heard this morning of \$17 million. It's got to be...that can't be 10 percent of what the sales tax is that's unpaid. I suppose that's a Department of Revenue figure based upon some sort of calculation. But given the extent of direct marketing, given the extent of