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to file a number of amendments to 142 because NRDs will not receive a portion of the motor vehicle tax. But we cannot correct that difficulty, if you view it as a difficulty, with LB 142 because the constitution requires that motor vehicle taxes go exclusively to schools, municipalities and counties. So the only real discussion for us is what portions each one of those political subdivisions will receive. And when we begin to debate the bill in a more complete context, we will furnish you materials that show the allocations. If I thought...I think we can, in fact, why don't we distribute those now, if I can have a page, and then you will have them to look at potentially before we begin the debate in full. But it shows you some of the effects of the constitutional amendment and the effects of implementing LB 142. And, again, I think that the discussion of the committee amendments will again illustrate some of the considerations that we hope you will take into account as we eventually debate what those allocations ought to be. But, again, I'll note that I think in all fairness to you, the hour that we happen to be at, that the full debate on those issues should be saved to another day. It's going to take some time, and it will take some focus, and I think that maintaining that focus can best be done on a subsequent day of debate, but I did want to give you, at least, a little picture of 142, what it's about, why we bring it to you, and the fact that it has impacts beyond what you see as just kind of a bland description of an allocation between three different governmental subdivisions of motor vehicle taxes. It has ramifications and impacts on other political subdivisions and I do expect those to be discussed as we debate LB 142. Senator Beutler, as I noted, will cause that to happen in the context of the NRDs. Others, Senator Redfield will ask us to discuss that in the particular context of Douglas County, I think, and Omaha. So I hope that with all of that you are not scared away from the debate on 142, but when we come back to it, that you will be settled in for a good solid discussion and some...well, I don't hope it isn't creative discussion, but some good solid discussion and information about the impacts of changes that we are proposing on the motor vehicle tax structure. Mr. President, with that, I would conclude the opening and I really would suggest that it is inappropriate to open on the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen would like to announce the