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SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen to op...oh, Senator Wickersham. Pardon me. I was reading faster than the words came on my screen. Senator Wickersham to open on your amendment, please.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This was a bill that was heard by the Revenue Committee, and then was advanced. It does...surprisingly for this season of the year, it deals with gas tax. And it is definitively germane to this bill. This bill provides a process for the Department of Revenue to begin using electronic filing for gas tax and for gas tax reports. So not only will they be able to receive the dollars that are due from wholesalers for gas tax, they will also...the wholesalers will be able to file their gas tax reports on-line. We anticipate that this will be a process that will eventually become the standard rather than the exception. There is a process for going forward and encouraging individuals to use this particular system. The bill had no detractors at its public hearing, and was advanced to the floor with a unanimous vote. Again, it is a bill that simply allows and provides for mechanisms for electronic collection of gas tax and the filing of reports, the actual reports that you need to do by electronic means. We...and again, I would anticipate that this will become the norm at some time in the future. We're just...this is the beginning of the move in that direction.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. There are no lights on. Oh, here's one. Senator Wehrbein to speak to the Wickersham amendment, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I just looked at the board, and it's 33 pages. Is that the reason that...I mean, I assume it has to go through a long...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I get a little suspect at 33 pages. Not at you, understand, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. No. No, it...