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income tax so there would be more disparity in those numbers. So I just think what we're doing is, with this suggestion of Senator Pederson, is that we are simply piling it on more. We're simply piling it on. Right now, the average in the state, people spend \$770 on sales tax. They don't know that they spend that much, but to have...to pay that much sales tax, you would have to have an income tax with two...with a married couple of \$35,000, which is fairly high. So it's just...to me, it's...as Senator Raikes said, it's a regressive...regressive tax, and we're making it more regressive. And like Senator Landis said, we...we've got to get the business community to get in and pull their weight as far as that. We had an opportunity the other day to make some changes with LB 775, but people felt that that was not the way to go. So I think...simply say that we're...I think we're going down the...the wrong road with the...with this...with this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. We're debating FA1061 to LB 1085. On with discussion. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the Legislature. I rise in support of the Pederson amendment. If we are not going to make more cuts like it's...it seems like it's been difficult so far, then the Governor may come up with some more and we would have to try to override his veto. Then I think this is the best way to go, and I've been speaking to many town hall meetings throughout this whole session and even before that in the special...during the special session, and, overwhelmingly, people feel like that they could stand for something like this. As Senator Bourne mentioned, it would be temporary for...for two years. We keep hearing about it being regressive, and I've just been asking around. Hastings has a one and a half percent sales tax, city sales tax; Omaha, one and a half percent; Lincoln one and a half; Grand Island I wasn't sure, one or one and a half and they're trying to...one I think now, but they're trying to raise it to one and a half; Norfolk has one and they're trying to raise it; Central City has one percent; York has one and a half. These are people all around Aurora, and I would suggest, Senator Raikes, poor people, if you would come to Aurora to shop, you wouldn't have to pay this regressive sales tax, city sales tax where we...we help the