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has been 18, that is below whatever the limit was, so I don't think that it is out of line at all. I would definitely disagree with Senator Koch and partially disagree with Senator Simon. I will oppose him.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am kind of confused this afternoon as I listen to these experts on finance discuss these kinds of issues so I am going to ask one of them a question who seems to have a little more knowledge than the rest, and since I look up and see Senator Powers strolling down the aisle, I will ask him this question if he will answer it for me. Senator Powers, some of the retail establishments that you have mentioned I have read about but have never seen them and probably will never be in a position to patronize them, and I am impressed by the list that you gave. Now that you are at your microphone I will ask the question, and I am going to keep it local, apply it to the State of Nebraska. Are you aware that there has been a greater amount of money taken in by the Revenue Department of the State of Nebraska as far as sales taxes are concerned than was projected?

SENATOR POWERS: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You are?

SENATOR POWERS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you think more taxes have been taken in than have been projected?

SENATOR POWERS: I would assume there is more sales been projected.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would these be retail sales?

SENATOR POWERS: Probably a combination of all sales, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we went by what has happened in the past, there would not have been an overprojection.... let me rephrase that. From what I gathered, the retail industry is crippling along on a wing and a crutch.

SENATOR POWERS: Is that what you gather?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: From what had been said, right, that these