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this stage if I can be advised as to what stage it would be appropriate for consideration.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think what we have to do is get the bill drafter up here, and when you make an offer of an amendment, then we will have to check with him.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay, I will withdraw the amendment at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That is the only answer I can give you at the moment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I will offer it to the whole bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the amendment to the committee amendments. I will try once again to the best of my ability to caution you, there are about ten lights on here. You are going to spend all afternoon on this bill and we will be so far behind that much of what you would like to accomplish simply will not be possible in the next three or four weeks. That is all I can say. I can't do anything else about it. So what is the next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Johnson and Senator Newell move to amend the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the amendment is being passed out amongst you along with a package. Now this material, this amendment and material deals with the subject of shrinkage. Shrinkage is an allowance that we provide the gasoline distributors ostensibly to offset their actual gallonage losses in distributing the taxed items. At this time the shrink allowance in Nebraska is three percent which means very simply that whatever the actual gallons are, the total number of gallons are received by the distributors, we take three percent off the total gallonage and we then collect the taxes on the remaining ninety-seven percent, even though, in fact, the gallonage itself may be far more than the three percent that has been lost and even though the taxes may well have been collected on the excess. Our Highway Department has done studies, not recently, but they did it ten years ago on the shrinkage allowance and their study indicated that for this state to have a shrinkage allowance in excess of one percent is unjustified. To the extent that we do have a shrinkage allowance in excess of