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involved, had funds and grants to private organizations to get involved in litter cleanup. That was the approach Nebraska chose to adopt after the issue had been put on the ballot and after the people of the State of Nebraska had rejected the bottle bill. We passed our litter bill and like any new legislation it had a few growing pains. One of those growing pains was trying to economically identify all the people that would be covered by the tax, and you may remember that one of the problems there was somebody who only does maybe five or ten or fifteen or twenty thousand dollars worth of business, was spending some time and maybe as much paying the ten or fifteen dollars or five dollars litter tax or litter fee as the fee was worth. Therefore, in this corrective legislation or if you want to call it, as Senator Wesely says, a "cleanup bill", no pun intended, we are making a floor of \$100,000. Very simple. How does the rest of the tax work? \$150 tax on each million dollars of products. Senator Hoagland's amendment would basically destroy the bill. Seventy-six percent of all the businesses including ninety percent, Senator Hoagland, my good friend, ninety percent of all the beer retailers, distributors, the beer distributors would be exempt if they have less than ten employees. So what you are doing is you are just wiping out the legislation making it so it can't generate any revenue, making it so that those responsible for litter aren't covered any more. Why don't you do it directly and put a kill motion or put a repeal motion on the existing litter law? That's the honest way. And I'll tell you why I say that's the honest way. For those of you who were here in the waning days of the last legislative session, you may remember that we had LB 965, an almost identical bill that was going to correct these things, and would have now raised that additional several hundred thousand dollars for the state coffers, that bill because of an amendment put on by my good friend, Senator Hoagland, which he said did a particular thing, his amendment which I, poor dumb Johnny, trusted and believed that nobody would ever fib to me, that amendment instead of increasing the tax one hundred percent on one group which we could have lived with and cutting it in half on the other, in fact, multiplied it by one thousand percent on the wrong group, and, therefore, on the last day of the Legislature I was forced to kill my own bill because of that amendment. Now I realize that amendment was probably due to a combination of errors. It was not intentional and so on and so forth. But the simple fact is we are already one year behind and that little incident cost this state and our litter funds and our litter cleanup funds hundreds of thousands of