we heard from Big Daddy Carsten this last speech and the back of my hand is still stinging from that speech, and I respect the admonition that was given to the body and will try to keep myself mindful of it, but I still think this particular proposal is a wise one. We do exempt from the general tax base for social purposes. Senator Newell continually asks this body to exempt from the tax base the sales tax on food for a social policy, to obtain a social good. I support him in that case. I support this exemption from the tax base for the social good that it seeks to accomplish and that is to encourage economic growth. Economic growth means a healthy economy. It means jobs. I represent a blue collar urban district and the things in the households of my constituents that are foremost are number one, the ownership of the home and, number two, the maintenance of a job, and those things are vital, and I am representing my constituency when I come up here and argue for economic growth and job security. With respect to the issue of agricultural exemptions and the fact that we are promised an attempt to expand this idea with respect to agriculture in the coming years, there is the basis for rational distinction here to be made. These are not the same things. Recall if you will the personal property exemptions. We do not tax agricultural equipment under the personal property tax. We do tax industrial equipment. There is a flip-flop there. There is a distinction made there and we simply have the mere reflection with LB 3 in the Landis-Goodrich amendment. I see no reason to suspect that there is some inadequacy or some inequitability between the two by maintaining the existing distinction but reversing it with respect to the sales tax under the Landis-Goodrich amendment. I simply want to indicate that I think that it is wise tax policy. It is the use of the tax base, the manipulation of the tax base to achieve a valuable social end, which I believe the State of Nebraska can profit by and certainly my constituency can profit by. I don't have any executives from the Kawasaki plant. I probably don't have any stockholders. I do have job holders and they are interested in keeping a strong tax base, interested in keeping a strong economy and interested in keeping a variety of vocational opportunities in this city, and that is why I support the Landis-Goodrich amendment. I will defer the rest of my time to my colleague, Senator Goodrich.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would just like to make six quick points. Number one, I gave the constitutional problem