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cations from split rates really present problems to the Department of Revenue and that should this ever pass there should be a further, a later implementation date in order to avoid that confusion. I am concerned also and we know that we have the city sales tax option. Several cities are using it and how are those cities going to make up that loss that will be imposed upon them? I see nothing in this amendment that provides for that and I think that is a major consideration for those cities that do depend on that option that they have exercised. We have had the concept of this amendment before the Revenue Committee several times. Senator Labeledz is correct. It has never come out of committee and we are talking about exemptions and as I mentioned the other day on the floor, again, every little pin hole punctures your tax structure with every exemption that you add regardless of how small or how large and, again, this is another hole in that dam. One other thing that I want to alert this body to, you are fully aware that there is an interim resolution that has been assigned to the Revenue Committee that is going to be addressing the total tax structure and revenue sources for governmental subdivisions and particularly aimed at and consideration given to the property tax situation in Nebraska. Without question, this is an area that would have to and will have to be and will be included in our observations and analysis before we make our final recommendations to this body. I suggest that we refuse this amendment. It is absolutely contrary to the original concept of LB 3 and while I was not and still am not in complete agreement, it is one that I think we can live with and one that will be inviting to industry and will help our Nebraska economy. It would appear to me that this amendment is contrary to that which we had set out to do with the original bill. I urge you to not accept this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Senator Higgins, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HIGGINS: A point of order. As one of the introducers of this amendment I have not had an opportunity to speak to it and I think in fairness I should be able to present my reasons for wanting to introduce this amendment.