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might be in the know on construction.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, you are up next so you might answer the question and continue with your own testimony.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would be happy to, Senator Kahle. This would cover all contracts whether they be for a \$100 or \$100 million, and believe me no contractor in his right mind is going to cheat on sales tax on any contract because if you get audited by the State Department of Revenue you are going to get a real solid whack if they catch you not paying your sales or not remitting the tax you owe that you have collected to the state. The penalty is terrific on that and this could be in a \$100 contract, as I say, or a \$100 million contract, and there is no problem with the committee amendments on this thing. The arguments you bring up pertain to the bill itself and if we would adopt the committee amendments, then I will be glad to explain the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I recall the discussion we had on this particular point that Senator Kahle has raised was that there had to be presented documents to prove the date of the purchase of the equipment and I agree, Senator Kahle, without any question there is going to be some paper work involved but without documented proof either way I think that there could be some problems. But I think that that is understood or it appeared to me at least at the hearing that that was understood by both the Department of Revenue and also the contractors. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Carsten, was that your closing?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes, that would conclude my closing.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are now voting on the committee amendments to LB 278. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amended committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted as amended. Senator Goodrich, do you want to go on the bill?