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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body I too rise in opposition to the Wesely amendment and I would like to bring the information to you to the effect that the largest distributor in the State of Nebraska will lose \$5,000 on this particular operation of his and that is principally because of the fact that the cost of money the interest rates in other words are extremely high right now, his cost of money, the money he has to advance to the state each month is what he has to borrow and advance to the state before he can collect it back and that is what is throwing him into a lost category. Now Senator Wesely indicated for example that other states are doing it differently, that is true. Minnesota for example lets them do it and then they bill the state and the state refunds the money to them. If Senator Wesely for example would take that approach to this thing then there might be some validity to what he says. But he is taking the wrong approach and we are still requiring those vendors to advance the money ahead of time and that is where it costs them their shirt in this operation. So if Senator Wesely would then come back next year with a different approach, if he wants to do something like this, but to let them put the stamps on and bill the state, then he would have a better approach at this, but the way he is doing it now is just says take some of their operating money and force them even into a deeper loss than some of the people would be taking right now. For example, the one in Lincoln, for example, was mentioned loses \$541 a month, that is a little over \$5,000 a year. The one in Omaha for example loses \$5,000 a year also. That is the biggest one in the state and he loses \$5,000 a year on this operation already. So, I would urge you to reject the Wesely amendment and let him come back next year with a different approach such as the Minnesota approach.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for, do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.