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think that we need to look at this as something that will be a reduction of the sales tax and make it much easier for us at the State Fairgrounds to keep track as far as a sales tax. If there is any questions, I would sure be glad to answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT:      Thank you, sir.      An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill.      Page 8, line 15, after the comma, insert Natural Resources District.

SPEAKER BARRETT:      Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN:      Mr. President and members of the body, at the risk of the wrath of Serator Schellpeper and not wanting to Christmas tree his bill, I respectfully withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT:      So be it.

CLERK:      I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT:      Thank you.      Senator Hall, discussion on the bill.

SENATOR HALL:      Thank you, Mr. President and members.      The bill was before the Revenue Committee, as the Clerk has pointed out. Senator Schellpeper brought it to us. It does allow for sales tax exemption. It, I think, is somewhere in the neighborhood of 14 to 18 thousand dollars based on the fiscal note. It is not something that I would normally support but the argument that, basically, the state would be paying sales tax to the state was one that I could agree to specifically because the dollar figure was as low as it was. Now had there been another zero there, Senator Schellpeper, I am not so sure that I would have been as easily convinced that it was something that we needed to do but it was a very minor bill with regard to a reduction. The bill last year was on the floor, advanced out of committee, but did not come to a vote because of a lack of time. With that, it is not something that I would think the body should come to feel that sales tax exemptions will come running out of the Revenue Committee but, in this case, I think it was justified, and although there was some opposition of at least one member of the committee, the bill I think should be advanced and I would urge your support.