

support of the measure, it shows that the example that I gave of the glass business was a good one because they were many of the folks who testified in support of the measure. And another area that is oftentimes hid is the carpet business, those people who both do...much of their sale is over the counter, much of the sale is on installation basis. And what the bill does is LB 714, if you look at the bottom of the handout that has my initials on it, it would allow a business to choose from the three options that I have listed there for you. It would allow them to do that as of January 1, 1990, and the committee amendments would allow them to make that choice and allow them to be held harmless until that time. Now, when I say held harmless, I mean we would allow them for this year, 1989, to continue to function or continue to collect that tax in the manner that they have collected it in the past. The issue here I guess is, you know, as long as we get the cabbage we don't care and what...there has never been a problem with that. It was a directive or interpretation from the department that it should be done in this manner and this manner only. What we do here is allow for these contractors or retailers to choose which form they would like to pay that tax in. Whichever manner that they want to do that will be fine as long as it's within the guidelines of 714 as we amend it and I don't think that there will be any problem whatsoever with regard to understanding from this point forward as to what the rules of the game are. With that, Mr. President, there was a number of members of the body who were very interested in this issue. I would let them speak to it if they would like to. If there is any questions with regard to the committee amendments...the amendment to the committee amendments which become the bill, I would be happy to attempt to answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Hall amendment to the committee amendment to LB 714. Senator Lamb, Senator Korshoj on deck.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President and members, Senator Hall has explained the bill very well, the amendment very well but I would like to express my appreciation to Senator Conway who took this bill as his priority bill. This is a sacrifice on his part but this is an important bill and I appreciate that. Also, Senator Robak has been very much interested, as has Senator Hefner and this really is a combination of Senator Robak's bill and LB 714. It's had a lot of discussion, as you can see by the size of the amendment, although the basic premise has never