

the calendar year when we pass these things. I probably could support Senator Johnson's amendment because I think I know this is a necessary thing that we need to do, but I would be anxious to hear from a few of the people that opposed 163...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...in committee to hear what they have to say.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, would you care to discuss the motion to suspend? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I don't know whether it is proper to ask questions or wait until the suspending of the rules at this time, but I guess I'd ask Senator Johnson a couple of questions on this, if it is proper. The definition of businesses in this case, on page 9, where businesses under a certain gross and over a certain gross, how broad is that? Is that every business in the State of Nebraska as defined by what or...?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: It is my understanding that the only qualifier is sales, so that would be both retail and wholesale businesses across the state, all of those. And only those above \$30,000 in sales would be impacted either by a \$25 fee annually, or depending on if you did over \$199,000 worth of sales in a given year, you would have a \$50 fee imposed. So, I can't give you any more definition as far as what business would be beyond that, Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I guess I might want to look at that more carefully in time, if this moves along, because I don't know who is to administer that, the DEC or is that the Department of Revenue? That is an administrative...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: The Department of Revenue.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...almost a nightmare. The other issue, is this considered a carrot and stick approach since you said you are not going to repeal the other one on 5,000 population and less, that particular...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, yes, there has been a lot of complaints registered with the Natural Resources Committee and, formerly, the Ag and Environment Committee when I was chairman