

committee hearing, a public hearing. It did...the committee did vote on it and did vote six to nothing to advance the bill. The Revenue Department did not oppose the bill, offered what they wanted as far as their amendments on it. The amendment is brought to you, like I say, after having basically the same thing that the bill has had, including, I think, the amount of the debate. Number two, there had been a question about it as far as whether Ak-Sar-Ben could be involved. Ak-Sar-Ben cannot, in any manner, be affected by this. That is dealing with a completely different type of corporation because we're dealing only with 501C3 which is under the Internal Revenue Code, deals with a charitable nonprofit corporation. It is not dealing with Ak-Sar-Ben and I'm not sure what subsection it would be under but they cannot be involved in this. So that is...they do not...are not involved. Again, there are...several of you have asked about particular institutions within your districts and we had tried to...we had a list of potential organizations that might be covered by the bill or subsequently by the amendment and we tried to check those out when we telephoned them to find out. Most of the people we were able to get in contact with didn't...weren't sure of the corporate structure. A lot of these deal with the legalities of it and they didn't know the technical aspects, whether they would fall under it or not. I wish I could give you a better answer on that but if they are the nonprofits that are charitable, that are 501C3s and meet the other criteria, then, yeah, they would be too. We're not, I don't think, dealing with a great number of institutions but I think that we are dealing with very worthy institutions. Again, I would reemphasize that this is something that is not occurring right now. We are not collecting tax right now. This is resulting from a reinterpretation of the revenue rules and that is what is requiring that this amendment...this bill even come forward. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment, returning to Select File for an amendment and I would yield the remainder of my time to Senator Hall.

PRESIDENT: You have a minute and a half, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and Senator Lindsay. The only issue that I would like to express is that the issue of the, for example, the western Nebraska Art Center that Senator Lindsay mentioned earlier in his opening, that's located out in Scottsbluff, is a facility that does not collect an admission fee but there are members who belong. It falls under the 501C3 provision but yet they would have to pay sales tax if we did not