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then to use October 1 which is the start of the fourth quarter as a more specific time. After we adopt these committee amendments, Madam President, I would then move to explain the bill which the bulk of it deals with the sales tax on automotive rebates. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Does anyone wish to debate the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have a closing?

SENATOR HALL: No.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved and the committee amendments are adopted. I will now recognize Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. LB 300, the principal portion of the bill deals with automobile, what are called, rebates and the sales tax that is currently charged on them. I don't know if others of you have had the same experience I have had but I have had folks who, in my district, when they have bought a new automobile have bought them under the rebate programs that you see advertised in the paper. And the reason the manufacturers offer these types of programs is because it increases sales. It's an opportunity to get people to come out and basically purchase a vehicle, many times a model of vehicle that they are overstocked with that they're having trouble selling, that they want to, frankly, just move off the lot. These rebates can range anywhere from \$500 to as much as \$6,000, depending on the type of automobile, the model and the sticker price. Currently, under Nebraska law, if...and I'm using these numbers just for purposes of round numbers so I can easily add and subtract them, but if I buy an automobile that has a sticker price of \$20,000 and there, for example, is a \$5,000 rebate on that automobile, the rebate does not go to the dealer, it basically is a paper transaction that goes back to the manufacturer so all I really do is pay \$15,000, in my case I would take out a loan for \$15,000, but pay the dealer \$15,000 to