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Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. We will now vote on the Hillman amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 8 nays on adoption of Senator Hillman's amendment, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, back to Senator Haberman. Your amendment again, Senator, we passed over earlier, AM2972.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the body, it seems this morning that we've been removing taxes, removed the services tax. My amendment started out to remove the tax on ag equipment repair and farm auto repair which totalled about \$5,500,000. So my amendment found the money to put that back in if I was successful in taking it out. But now that it has been taken out, I'm still going to try to put some money back in. Now I'm not taxing services. In front of you is a little booklet. This little booklet shows everything that is exempt from sales tax. So if you look on page 6, there is a circle around gross receipts from telephone directory advertising, \$3 million. Well if you stop to think about your telephone book, the yellow pages and all the advertising, they keep adding more and adding more and adding more, I see nothing wrong in adding the sales tax on the gross receipts of telephone advertising. Then if you look on page 8, circled is \$2,285,000 which is membership dues, taxing membership dues. Now this means people who belong to the Nebraska Club, the University Club and the golf courses in Lincoln and even in Imperial, the Ak-Sar-Ben people, the zoo people, Lions, Rotary, Legion, whatever, they will pay the state sales tax on their membership dues, and that raises \$2,285,000. So what I'm doing this morning is asking this body, beings as we have taken off millions of dollars, to put back in roughly \$5 million and we're doing this by membership dues and yellow pages taxes. It's not a tax on services, it's just a straight sales tax addition. I'd like to, when we're all through with this, I'd like to have you take your book to your office and go through it and look at all