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Would the senators please check in. The house is under call, and we will accept call-in votes. While we're waiting for the senators to check in, I would like to call your attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Schmit are 15 first through sixth graders from District 70 School at Wahoo, Nebraska, and their teacher. Will you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers today. Thank you. The house is under call. Will the senators please check in. Senator Chambers, would you please check in. We are accepting call-in votes. Senator Pirsch, please check in. Senator Ashford.

CLERK: Senator Peterson voting yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: A roll call vote has been requested. We're looking for Senator Lamb. We'll proceed with a roll call vote.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 946 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 23 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend the bill. (Johnson amendment appears on page 947 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam President, members, I'd like to qualify my remarks, first of all, by saying that I am one of the senators at least that feels that he is caught in the middle of this debate. I am neither for or against Senator Hall's plan nor the 3-R plan. I see beneficial points in both of those plans. But under this particular amendment we strip the funding segments of Senator Hall's plan and increase the sales tax by one cent. That generates \$124 million. That figure was given to me by the fiscal office. There are three reasons why I offer the plan. First of all, it is fair and equitable. Everybody is treated the same. We aren't picking and selecting individual companies or farmers or business people or homeowners to pay it. Everybody, big or small, pays it the same. Number two, it is simple. It is something that all of Nebraska can understand. It is not a plan that has a lot of bells and whistles, a lot of depreciation schedules, a lot of