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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Once again, I want to explain where we're at. We've had a lot of confusion here this morning and we really don't know where we're at. So if you'll look at the sheet that I passed out, number two has already been adopted which is the sales tax exemption on business and farm equipment. That's already been adopted, so that's not part of it. So...and breeding livestock, we're going to take that up later, so all we're attempting to do with this amendment is to put back in \$40.3 million that we took out with the \$40 million exemption on business and farm equipment, and those figures, that \$40 million came from the Revenue Department. Now I think they're a little high in some areas, but that's where they came from. So I think they're fairly close to where we can kind of realize that's where it is. Now we're not attempting to go into service tax for the first time, as Senator Pirsch has said. We're into a tax on services. Nebraska currently has 40 different services taxed. All of our...we have utilities taxed, we have admissions and amusements taxed, we have computer tax, we have business services, personal services, leases are taxed. The service tax is no new tax. We're just expanding it to the ones that are listed on the sheet. I think, like I said one other day, with our economy going to a service oriented economy, we need to go to that type of a tax base. If you look at South Dakota, they have 131 services taxed. Kansas has 64. Iowa has 83. All other states that surround Nebraska are going to more of a service tax because it's a tax that is put on to the service industry. It is more acceptable than a sales and an income tax. I think the other day we had a very close vote on the sales tax, it did not go, the sales and the income, so I think now we need to find some other way to raise these dollars. And Senator Hall and Hartnett are right, if you supported the other amendment, you need to put the dollars back, otherwise, we're going to be in big trouble. You can't put a bill out there that exempts something and have no funding and that's what we're attempting to do here. We're taking out 40 million, we're putting in 40.3, so we're almost equal and we'll talk about the breeding livestock later. So with that, I urge your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Hall, you're next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I was going to stand up and talk about greed a little bit, but I thought