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available. And I appreciate some of the members who have availed themselves of Mr. Albin's expertise and the debate leading up to this bill. LB 165, briefly, changes the procedures used by the Commission of Labor to collect delinquent unemployment taxes from the current collection statutes to those provided in the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act. Basically, taxes that, either through contribution or reimbursement, that are owed to the department and to the fund, allows the Department of Labor to pursue those collections through the same process which presently is done by the Department of Revenue. This was...this bill was heard. It had no opposition to it, it was eight to zero. I will certainly attempt to answer any questions that you might have. The Department of Revenue and...as well as the State Property Tax Administrator has been contacted prior to this time by the Department of Labor, prior to their request of myself for introducing this. So it seems like everything is in order. If you look on LB 165, on the green copy, you see that many of the section-by-section synopses as provided to you in my summary, simply give the ability for the Department of Labor or the Commission of Labor to have the same authority as the Tax Commissioner or Property Tax Administrator. Also provides for the ability for nonprofit employers to be able to have liens against those as well regarding what they owe for the employment security taxes. If there's any questions, I do have one comment I'd like to make. Senator Beutler had some...had a concern regarding the bill. We did talk to Senator Beutler, and we will be meeting with him before Select, to see if, in fact, what we need to do to assure that this bill is done properly and done well. That will be all. If there's any questions, I would attempt to ask (sic) them. And I believe John Albin is still out in the Rotunda, from the Department of Labor, should you have some more technical questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion on LB 165? Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham on the committee amendments. (See AM0023 on page 322 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendment is very brief, as Senator Hilgert indicated. It simply adds a section providing for an effective date of