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100 percent tax deduction, it's...there is quite a bit of change in that. And so this is the reason for the bill. I hope you support it. If there's questions, I'd be happy to entertain them but realize that the main difference at this point in the bill is the delay in implementation till January of 2002. The committee would go into place immediately upon the signing of the bill, the 90, typical 90 day, and they would have a chance to look at this and study for a year or more preparatory to putting in place what would be needed. There is some money in the bill for the Ag, Department of Agriculture to have funds, expense money, and so forth, and some employees, but there is nothing in the Department of Revenue funding at this point. If that would be seen to be needed in the future, I'd be willing to look at that. At this point, I feel most of the workload will be done under the Department of Agriculture. With that, I would be open to any questions or any more discussion on the bill or questions that I could ask...answer.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have an amendment to the Wehrbein amendment. It's offered by Senator Wehrbein. (FA118, Legislative Journal page 1698.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: This is on page 13. It's simply a kind of a clean-up amendment under Section 15, middle of page 13, line 14. It says, prior to July 1, 2000. I scratched those letters out, those words out. If you notice on down, it says the report is due by January 3rd of 2000 to this body and to the Governor and so forth. July 1, 2000 was not changed from the original amendment and I intended on doing that. So I would...this simply strikes the words "prior to July 1, 2000." That's an effort to synchronize the rest of the bill with the intent of the bill, which is to delay the implementation. Technically, it's not totally incorrect, prior to July 1, 2000, but it does harmonize better because I really do want the study by January 3rd.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You're