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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Kiel would move to amend with AM1534, Mr. President. (See amendment on page 1756 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kiel.

SENATOR KIEL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Considering all the amounts of money that we have talked about earlier today, I'm hopeful that you will consider what I'm asking for right now as being reasonable and support it. This claim is brought on behalf of Ms. Florence Mansur, a lady that is in my district, and it is a claim for \$575. Ms. Mansur relied upon the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging to compute her federal and state income taxes for a number of years, and the tax preparer failed to show exclusion of dividends from government securities, and you all should have a handout, although it has Senator Vrtiska's initials on it, I had it handed out as part of the committee record. As a result of the action of the tax preparer that was sent out on behalf of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, Ms. Mansur lost individual income tax refunds. And I have to tell you, she's a pretty salty lady, and on several occasions she has said to me that, if the state cannot be relied upon to furnish accurate information, please don't send them to the senior citizens. And I guess I would echo that, because this actually was done by the state, made tax preparers available to senior citizens, through the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging, and the person who prepared her taxes for several years did indeed prepare them incorrectly, and therefore this claim comes to us today for \$575. I would remind the Legislature that this person is not a business person, and this is not a business decision. It was not done inaccurately because they decided to cut corners and not hire a CPA or she did that. This is an elderly lady of 74 years of age who relied upon the state to properly prepare her income tax forms, and they did not do so. And she has been trying to get somebody to listen, over the last year or so, to her claim. And I would hope perhaps today the Legislature would listen to that and approve this claim of \$575. Thank you.