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CLERK: 6 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion to reconsider fails. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, I believe, Senator Chambers, FA142?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA142. (Legislative Journal page 1764.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I am continuing with my assault against the poor selection of language in these findings. And along the way there are substantive issues that I'll discuss, as was done with that board. But on page 1, in line 15, I would strike the word "this" and insert "such". Farther along that line, I would strike the word "can" and insert "may". The language now says, "this new economic activity can reduce". My language would say "such new economic activity may reduce". Now, why would I take the word "such"? Because it's referring back to something which had preceded it, and that is the way we construct language in legislation. As a matter of fact, when the bill that I got passed into law which allowed us to have expenses was being construed by the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska Supreme Court read the Nebraska Constitution to see if we could get expenses. You know what the crucial word was in determining that you all get expenses, thanks to me? That word was s-u-c-h, such and the reference back. Words mean something in legislation, words mean something in legislation. Words mean something in a constitution. Words mean nothing when the Legislature has gotten its marching orders from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and a deal has been struck. Once again, the English teacher would do what I'm doing. The English teacher would strike the word "this" and insert "such", would strike the word "can" and insert "may". But let me read the sentence that is involved here. Starting in line 15 at page 1, I'm going to read it the way it's written. "This new economic activity can