

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office

May 3, 1999

LB 382

on FA155.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I decided that it's not likely that the body was going to strike these findings, so what I want to do is deal with them as we do other legislation when we're laying out a series of paragraphs. You will see that done in the committee amendment itself. If they're listing subsections, they do them numerically. If they are offering divisions under a subsection, they will do it by letters. What I'm doing here is to use letters to designate each one of these subdivisions in Section 2. Section 2 is the findings language, which I find to be incorrect, but I have some materials to try to correct some of those things. However, the first thing I would do, in line 6 after the number 2, I would put the letter "(a)"; in line 12 at the beginning of the line, I would put the letter "(b)"; in line 18 at the beginning of that line, I would put the letter "(c)"; and in line 23 at the beginning of that line, I would put the letter "(d)". Does this amendment change anything? Absolutely not. Does it give structure? In a way, it does. It's like giving an address or a number to a location so that you can easily see what is entailed. If you see the letters (a) through (d), you know that there are four elements to these findings. That's all this amendment would do and it occurred to me as I was looking at this that it's one that has no hidden meaning whatsoever. If it is not adopted, will it make that much difference? No. If it is adopted, will it make that much difference? No. I'm asking these questions of myself because I know the answers, Senator Landis. So why adopt the amendment? Because it lends a measure of order to what is being presented here. Then if a person wants to say, where is that part that deals with cutting my taxes? Then you could say, well, that's subdivision (b) of Section 2, b as in boy. And they can go right to it and see where they're being sold a bill of goods about their taxes being cut. I asked Senator Raikes how this scheme, which is going to take money away from the general revenues of the state and give that over to Omaha, and if there's anything left to the chickadees in the rest of the state, how that is going to diminish the amount that people throughout the state have to pay in taxes? That is a question to which he did not have an answer in terms of being able to see how this procedure is going to reduce tax burdens of state