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amendment to take that language out.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. We are now discussing the Redfield amendment to LB 729. Those wishing to speak, Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Would Senator Redfield respond to a question for me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Redfield?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes, I would.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: And I apologize for not perhaps listening closely enough. Could you explain once again what your amendment is aimed at and the specific lines, too, because I don't believe we have a copy of that.

SENATOR REDFIELD: On page 2 of Senator Schimek's amendment, which became the bill, starting with line 23, where you see the "a" in brackets, "interferes with the legislative prerogative contained in the Constitution of Nebraska that the necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in the manner as the Legislature may direct," that's the end of the language which this amendment would strike. Is there anything else, Senator Quandahl?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's...and if you could just answer one more question. Then the reason behind striking that particular portion, could you explain that for me.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Right now the people of Nebraska have the right to challenge the manner of taxation set by the Legislature. Even though the constitution has delegated to us the responsibility of raising the money, the fact and the details of how we choose to do that, whether we divide it between property tax, sales taxes, income taxes equally, how we govern the distribution of those tax dollars is something that right now the people of Nebraska have challenged on the ballot, and I believe should continue to have the right to challenge.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you. I would yield the rest of my time