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without an operative date. Because this is a sales tax issue, it's important to have a definite date for the effective date of the bill. We collect sales tax or change sales tax rates on a quarterly basis, so the committee amendments that you see in front of you have an effective date for the bill of October 1, 1999. Now I hope you paid attention because there will be an amendment to the amendment to make that October 1 of the year 2000, because somehow we...time raced ahead of you, Senator Jones, and we didn't get your bill passed in 1999. But if we pass it in the year 2000, we need to have a correct operative date. So, with the body's indulgence, if we can take up the amendment to the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend the committee amendments. (AM2391, Legislative Journal page 648.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I related briefly before, the purpose of the amendment to the amendment is to simply make a change so that the operative date of the bill, if it passes, will be October 1st of the year 2000, rather than October 1st of the year 1999. I would urge your support for the amendment to the amendment, and then the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** I had several lights on. I'll go through them, if you care to speak to the amendment to the amendment. Senator Bohlke, do you care to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

**SENATOR BOHLKE:** Yes, Mr. Speaker and members. The operative date is important for certainly Senator Aguilar's and my district in that I don't even know how many years that we have been trying, between Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney, to come up with a regional airport and the idea of a regional airport. We have finally convinced the good people of Hastings to support a regional airport in Grand Island. This operative date and then allowing this tax exemption will be a real plus in seeing