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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. We're discussing the committee amendments to LB 282. On with discussion of committee amendments, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. If Senator Landis would yield to a question or two...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR SMITH: You...before I proceed, you were talking about a voluntary...it would...this process would be engaged with a voluntary tax collector? What did you mean there?

SENATOR LANDIS: Because of essentially Supreme Court decisions, distant sales...distant marketers for Nebraska are relieved of the obligation of paying us sales tax, even though our sales tax code says they should. They don't now have to because it's so burdensome for them to do so because there are so many jurisdictions. The Streamlined Project will make it simple in that there will be a computer program that will allow them to pay sales taxes to the jurisdictions in which they have customers. They will, at the end of this process, we hope, agree to do exactly that. So, in essence, what you're going to get is voluntary compliance with state tax laws, compliance that cannot now be compelled. And that's my answer.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Have to echo a lot of Senator Brashear's concerns. I've been doing a little bit of research, not in-depth, on this issue, but it is a big concern of mine because we hear about how sales tax is being lost, so to speak, to the Internet, the advent of the Internet, and we need to capture this because we're losing it. And I don't want to go into all of that, but I do want to point out that we need to move very cautiously on this issue for a big reason, and that is Nebraska is a net importer of mail-order dollars, meaning that Cabela's and Omaha Steaks bring in more dollars from out-of-state than all of Nebraskans spend on mail order outside of Nebraska. And, really, the push behind the Streamlined Sales Tax comes from, for example, New York and California, who have so many people spending dollars outside of their state that they