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good.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Landis. I stand in support of what you're trying to do. I know that it's going to be... a lot of things are going to be have to be answered before this thing gets to the final stage of passage, but I do think it's important that we go this direction. And I'm going to be watching carefully and try to understand the bill as we go along, which, again, I appreciate Senator Landis bringing this bill. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I relinquish the rest of my time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Landis, your light is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. To answer a couple of questions, Senator Stuhr asked me about the language in Section 55, and this reference to sales and purchases of water was an exclusion to the definition of a retail sale. It's being moved, word for word, into a list of exemptions. We used to have exclusions to the definition of a retail sale, of gross receipts. We had a list of exemptions. We had things that were essentially exemptions in three or four, a half a dozen places in the statutes, and we've now collapsed them into one list. What we did was to move language, word for word, and it is exactly the same effect that it's always been. It is now an exclusion to the definition of retail sale; it will simply become an exemption. Its net effect will be exactly the same. Going back to the more philosophical question of Senator Beutler, it starts from a premise that I don't accept. Now, Senator Beutler's... I think his argument was this. Gosh, the streamline project will eventually set tax policy for the state of Nebraska. Shouldn't there be... shouldn't that make us very sensitive about who is representing the state, and shouldn't those representat ves be perhaps legislatively dominated, because of the policy choices that they might be making? What the streamline project will do is, it's true, create definitions so that the software packages can be effective and they can be relatively standard. But we are not obligated to follow those definitions. Their choice for a definition does not become Nebraska law. So the streamline project will not be speaking with the same voice that we do.