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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't want to be up on my feet here, but I got to be, and the reason is the premise of the argument is mistaken and I can't permit the record to be allowed to be extrapolated and stretched to where it's being stretched. Tax policy will be set by this Legislature. What is to be taxed or not taxed will be determined by this Legislature and only this Legislature. Streamlined does not determine what's taxed or what is not taxed; this state and only this state. And, by the way, the lobbyists will be here plenty. Why? Because whether they get an exemption or not will be determined by us and only us. What is determined at the streamlined level is the working definition of an area. We can comply, we cannot comply or whatever, but not whether it's taxed or not. If you're worried about where the lobbying is going to be, don't worry. If you still want to have business lobbyists looking for exemptions they'll be here. Why? Because we will determine what is taxed or what is not taxed and, by the way, I think that's the policy that we're talking about, isn't it? Senator Beutler seems to indicate, when he uses this policy, that somehow they will be determining what's taxed and what is not taxed; that exemptions will be determined at that level, and it's not. And when I hear that, I have to punch a button or ask for time, because it's not so and I will not permit it to be characterized that way, because that's just not so. Exemptions will be determined by this body and no one else for the state of Nebraska. And that's my only speech for less than five minutes, but I'm going to stop there.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. Further discussion? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, let me ask you just one question. In Section 316 of the agreement, called enactment of exemptions, it says a member state may enact a product-based exemption. Would it be permissible to amend the agreement to say a member state may not enact a product-based exemption?