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do it by...it just provides us the same field...we used to talk, anyone was in the body...we used to talk about the level playing field. What it does, it levels the playing field, that we have the same information over here that they do over there. So it's...to me, it's something that I can't understand, you know, where the business community is, that they don't trust...they trust the Department of Revenue, don't trust us, because...it's kind of mind-boggling. I think we've had a talk about growth in the state. And I'm in an area that's really growing, my area, and so forth. And what I see happening in Senator Cunningham's area of the state is that I think we're going to have areas where you have a city, say, like Norfolk, and the cities around Norfolk, the small cities or towns, are going to grow much more than they are...I don't know how far you are from, say, Norfolk, Senator Cunningham. You're looking at me. But I...that's what I see as happening, it hap...is that that's where the growth is going to be. I was talking to a businessman that does a lot of hunting out, yesterday. I went home early. And he said, you know,...it was a small town, he named the town, I won't name the town. But business people try to start...you know, start a hardware store in this town. Went for a while, but it had to close, because he didn't have enough people using the store. So I think the only thing that's going to happen is that you need a center, circle around cities like that. And maybe your city...maybe Yankton is a city that they can drive to work, or so forth, to Yankton. But I'll give the rest of my time to Senator...but I just can't...still can't understand why the business people out there are so upset with giving us the information the same as Department of Revenue. Senator Raikes, I'll give you the rest of my time.

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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and members. I heard Senator Brashear say that he regards this as a point to begin the negotiations. I think the Revenue Committee has always been willing to negotiate, without giving away, I think, the basics, which I hope we have made clear at least what my view of that is. But I would argue that the current