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prevail (laugh) barely. The motion prevails. Mr. Clerk,
LB 259 (sic--LB 292).

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have on
LB 259 (sic), Senator Chambers, Senator Chambers would move to
return the bill. Withdraw? Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have, Senator Stuthman
would move to return the bill for AM1019. (Legislative Journal
page 1037.)

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the
body. The amendment that is being offered, AM1019, is actually
LB 713. LB 713 was heard in public hearing on February 28 and
then it was advanced to General File on a 7 to 0 vote. What the
bill...what the amendment does, rather, it eliminates an
antiquated process for numbering tax receipts. Prior to
computerization, the tax payments were recorded in books by
year, and if a late payment was made the county treasurer could
pull the book for that year and then determine the next receipt
number for that year, as they had to be numbered consecutively.
Now, however, the receipts are computerized. NACO has worked
with the State Auditor to develop a system that assigns receipt
numbers in the order that the payments are made, rather than
having to go to the individual yearbooks, pull up the
appropriate number of receipt for that particular year, but the
existing statute was not changed to reflect this advancement in
technology. And because the Auditor must enforce the laws of
the state as they appear, county treasurers have been written up
during the audits for failure to comply. So this amendment
would just update the statutes, allow the county treasurers to
accept more than one year's tax payments, and number them
consecutively rather than having to consult with each year. For
example, if you went in to pay this year's taxes and taxes from
two years ago that obviously would be delinquent, the county
treasurer would have to go back to two years ago, find the next
receipt number. That is not being done in computerized