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SENATOR JANSSEN: ...for the state of Nebraska, if we're going to do that work for the state of Nebraska, then that collection fee must go back on over the \$3,000 limit we have right now. And I'm reminded of this argument about what's a fruit and what's a vegetable. There are some of you in here that remember the discussion that former speaker of the Legislature, Senator Ron Withem, and I had about whether coffee was a fruit or a vegetable. Well, it's a vegetable for awhile, but if you brew it, then it's a beverage. Then it's natural sense is it is a vegetable. So I am not sure if you had tax on ground coffee, would that be taxed. Or if you bought coffee in a jug out of the dispensing machine, would it be taxed then, or wouldn't it in its raw form. So there are a lot of things that have to be decided here, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Stuhr on AM1447.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm trying to keep an open mind on these proposals but I'm having a difficult time doing that. I also would like to join Senator Janssen in saying that I do know what it's like to be poor. I grew up in the late thirties and many of us ate the same thing three times a day. We ate only what was raised in our gardens or what was produced on our farms. But nobody really felt deprived because you had your family and you were surrounded with those that you love and everyone else was pretty much in the same boat. But I want to comment on looking at the proposal to broaden the sales tax base. It appears to me that it really hits the lower income the hardest. For instance, you take the number one where we're talking about remodeling or building on. Those are the people that really can't afford the new homes. So we are adding the additional tax then to this group of people. Also looking in comparison to the rest of the states, three states do tax construction, three states do not. Looking at repair on personal property, three states do, three