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future. But the bill that's before us is no longer the grand plan. It's been chopped up, chopped up again, and chopped up some more, until we're left with a very discriminatory piece of sales tax on one portion of construction, and that's disappointing to me because, in fact, I don't think that's the direction we want to go. I think we want to increase the fairness in our tax code, we want to increase the simplicity in our tax code, and we certainly do not want to disadvantage the lower income stream of our population while at the same time we allow those with higher incomes to escape the sales tax burden. So I regret that we're not going to be voting on a vehicle in LB 759 that creates the grand plan and that it's not something I'm going to be able to support. Even though I've supported the concept in committee, the committee changed the bill so much that I couldn't support it coming to the floor. I was hoping that we could work with it here on the floor and really create something that was good for the future of Nebraska, but I think that what we're left with is something very discriminatory, and I don't know that it really needs any artificial respiration at this time. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill, Senator Preister, Senator, I have AM1740. I understand you would like to withdraw AM1740 and offer, as a substitute, AM1831.

SENATOR CUDABACK: If not objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Preister would move to amend with AM1831. (Legislative Journal page 1732.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, to open on your amendment, AM1831, to LB 759. Members, it's a little "buzzy" at times. I know it's Monday morning, but try to keep it down if possible. Thank you. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. And, yes, that's correct, Mr. Clerk, I do need to substitute, and the reason for that is because we have amended LB 759 with several amendments,