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budget and the state's economy and the nation's economy as a whole, relating to the Internet and otherwise, has been a game. When you see someone buy an extra telephone line at home so they can have a dedicated Internet line, and they pay approximately 20 percent in tax on that line, that's a benefit, by most standards, to the state's budget, federal budget too, perhaps even local when it comes to local sales tax. So I hope that we can steer clear of the rhetoric that the Internet is a drain to our budget because we aren't getting the money off of it that we deserve. And I believe strongly that it's some of the passive economic development efforts that can occur that will ultimately build our base and all of us benefit, whether it's job creation, whether it's funds to restore and/or maintain government programs that are necessary for the function of society, whatever the case might be. I appreciate Senator Brown's remarks indicating it's the trends that we need to look at. I can't agree more, and I am one of those folks who are particularly motivated or interested in line graphs. When you have a graph in front of you that shows a 20-year history on spending or revenue, whatever the case might be, it certainly speaks volumes. And so that's what I always try to look for, are those trends. How AM3456 addresses the trends I'm not quite certain, but it certainly does pique my interest when we can look to balancing the budget. Perhaps the most convincing statements here today, when Senator Redfield pointed out how many fewer tax filers there are this year than last year, whatever the numbers were, Senator Redfield, and over 50 percent of those were those making over \$200,000 a year. Wow! That speaks volumes. And we're looking at increasing the income tax to fill the budget gap. We could very well do the exact opposite and create a larger budget gap by looking to make Nebraska's state income tax, that's already one of the most progressive sales taxes in the nation, according to Senator Landis' report last fall, even more progressive and, by many estimations, more punitive against those who fund more of our budget. More of the operations of government are funded by those folks who are in the upper end of the tax bracket, like it or not. And I'm not here to say that the rich people reign supreme. That's not the case whatsoever, but we ought not bite the hand that feeds us. Pardon the trite term.