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something we had to come to. We didn't have that figured out right at the outset. And if you look at the diagram that was handed out, why, the top rung up there does not have that feature, but this one does. The second main concern was that contractors did not want to be put at a disadvantage to other contractors on bidding by a misunderstanding or misapplication, if you will, of the sales tax policy. They wanted it clear enough and straight enough that when you enter a bid everybody will know the same rules. There wouldn't be a way for someone to gain advantage by being an option one instead of an option two, and that sort of thing. And we've got another amendment coming, but that, too, is something that we have been able to address with this and I think, again, that's the reason the contractor groups have...

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...have agreed to this. So, I'm sorry, Mr. President. Did you say time?

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: Oh. Thank you. So again, the main concerns are that we, whether you like it or not, we have to look and expand the sales tax base. Really, our revenue situation dictates that. The second thing is we have tried our best to accommodate contractors in the sense of allowing them to do business the way they've always done it, and also making procedures that do not give advantages to one group or one particular contractor over another in the bidding process. Again, I urge your support of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Landis, there are no further lights on. Would you like to close on AM3292 to the Revenue Committee's amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Janssen. This is a moving target. We have two more amendments after this that we'd like to propose. I believe Senator Combs may...has another one. I'd