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CLERK: I do not, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, LB 1003.

CLERK: LB 1003, introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Revenue Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1935, Legislative Journal page 452.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Landis, to open on LB 1003.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. In 2004, we enacted legislation...or, actually, 2003, we enacted legislation that allowed the Governor or the Tax Commissioner to negotiate with our Native American tribes within this state. The purpose was to establish an agreement for the collection and distribution of motor vehicle fuel tax. The idea was to get it at the rate...same as the state tax, and to allow that to be used for buildings and maintaining roads on the reservations, so that this sovereign within our borders would establish a relationship with our Revenue Department for the collection of the taxes, because we're pretty good at that, hold the money, return it to the tribes, and allow that money to be spent for roads and the maintenances of infrastructure on the reservation. In fact, because there is some travel in that area, there is a collection of a rather good deal amount of money. And between October 2004 and September 30, 2005, the state of Nebraska, on behalf of the tribes, collected \$1,600,000 of motor vehicle fuel taxes, and wants to honor our obligations and return that money to the three tribes that have reservations in Nebraska. That's the Winnebago, the Santee, and the Omaha Tribes. This bill is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the function of the bill, to the extent that we need it to make sure the Native Americans residing on the reservation would be subject to the motor vehicle fuel taxes as provided in the motor vehicle agreement between the tribe and the state, because a rather large amount of the taxes collected come from Native Americans who in fact buy gas at the local shops that are there, for which we're collecting this motor vehicle fuel money to turn