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as technical or nonpolicy changes into LB 1003, from various sources. I think all of these are meant to either make appropriate or modest adjustments in existing policy. Let me give you an example. The Liquor Control Commission allows folks to make...to pay their taxes by e-mail, except...by e-trade, rather, except that there is a requirement that it be done...one of these tax statutes requires that there be an oath or affirmation, which means a notary. Well, nobody else has to notarize their on-line tax payments. As a matter of fact, on-line tax payments speed efficiency, reduce costs. It's good for everybody. Well, in the liquor area, this notary obligation makes no sense, and it keeps us from being able to do on-line payment. So this does away with that. And by the way, the Liquor Control Commission suggested this. The Department of Revenue was supportive because, in fact, our Department of Revenue wants to increase on-line transactions. There is a problem in the constitutionality of the Microenterprise Act that Senator Connealy has cared about, and that is that with respect to estates and trusts, who are allowed credits under the Microenterprise Act, it needs to be...we need to treat nonresident estates and resident estates the same. Without that equal treatment, there would be a constitutional cloud over this very modest part of the Microenterprise Research and Development Act. So we're simply making that a constitutional provision. We are making sure that our Nebraska code, when we refer to the Internal Revenue Code, means the Internal Revenue Code as it exists on March 10, 2004...I'm sorry, on the effective date of this bill, rather than March 10, 2004, because that was the last time we updated this. This was something that Senator Wickersham initiated a number of years ago to make sure that our reference to the Internal Revenue Codes were up-to-date. This bill allows for the oversight that we made, and almost got readjusted last year, but time ran out, to make sure that cooperatives could make use of, as other companies do, of our tax credit programs. Those cooperatives were inadvertently left out of previous bills that have been passed. This modifies the calculation of new investment in the case of leased property. The current amount of investment is the annual rent times eight. The amendment would adopt the same calculation as under the Nebraska Advantage Act, which is the annual rent times the number of years in the lease, not to exceed ten; again, a minor