

The annualized loss of revenue on the newspaper is estimated at 45,000. As I have indicated already on agriculture, it was approximately 4,000 on an annual basis. In the case of the newspaper ads, that bill has been introduced before, as I recall, it was last year, it just simply...I believe we just simply didn't get to it, if I remember correctly. It was on General File. But I move adoption of these...of this amendment representing the...actually the opinion and recommendation of the committee, although there's no committee amendment as such.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen, on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I would like to take this opportunity to rise to support both the amendment to the committee amendments and the committee amendments. I think if you listened very carefully to Senator Withem's description of the committee amendments, you understood in great clarity what the...what the topic of it was. But all three of these, basically, address interpretations of the Department...or the Revenue Department. No fault of theirs, it's just a current reading of statute led them to believe that these were, in fact, to be liable for sales tax and certainly in the construction areas it created a substantial amount of confusion, as did the newspaper supplements, and if anything, a tax system should be reasonably simple to administer. Now, albeit, ours is not reasonably simple but this brings...all three of these issues do bring a better amount of clarity and perhaps a small sense of direction to the people who will be enforcing our sales tax statutes. So, having said that, all of the sections, the three major points that are covered in the amendment to the amendments did undergo pretty thorough scrutiny on the part of the Revenue Committee and I think are sound tax policy for the State of Nebraska to follow. So, with that, I support all of the actions there before us. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein, on the amendment to the committee amendments. He waives off. Senator Lindsay, you're light is next.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would ask for a ruling on whether this amendment is germane to the committee amendments. It clearly deals with sales tax, the question is just how broad an interpretation are we going to have on the