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SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, may I answer this?

PRESIDENT: Does that meet with your approval, Senator Stoney?

SENATOR STONEY: Yes, please.

SENATOR CARSTEN: I just talked to the Department of Revenue and asked him the specific question, if 12% would trigger an increase in the sales tax, and as I told Senator Stoney, the Department of Revenue says it is close but defensible. Now that is my answer to you and that's the information I have.

SENATOR STONEY: Close and defensible. Could you further define that for me, please?

SENATOR CARSTEN: I cannot define it because I do not have the defensible words that the Department of Revenue has that I have not gotten, sir.

SENATOR STONEY: Then the figures that you have, Senator Cavanaugh, the projections that you have as with whatever you are using in your formula...

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: These are Mr. Peters figures that I just got from him a half hour ago over on the side there.

SENATOR STONEY: And you are convinced the sales tax with this projection, then, will increase in the city of Omaha to either 4 or 4 1/2%. You are positive of this?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The projected figures he supplies indicates at 12% and 2 1/2%, that there would be a 29 million dollar disparity. 1% in the sales tax...so we wouldn't have the 50-50 that the statute would require.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, for what purpose do you arise? What's your point?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, the issue before us is a motion which has been withdrawn from a bill. It's been reconsidered. It is off the bill. It is now laying on the desk on top of a bill that must be disposed of and the motion before us is simply to withdraw that amendment. We are talking about an amendment and the only issue is, should it be withdrawn or should it be considered and so this motion should be taken care of first, then we are going to have to go through this again on the motion, if they wish to leave it there.

PRESIDENT: So, what's your (inaudible)

SENATOR SIMPSON: I say shut them off and either get them on the issue of whether we should withdraw this amendment at this time or if we should take up the amendment again.

PRESIDENT: It does appear to the Chair as if the substance of this whole subject has been debated at least three times this afternoon and that there was a positive vote to reconsider and the Chair had thought that the next motion to withdraw was rather perfunctory but your point is well taken. I will not rule on it but I will admonish everyone whose lights are still on that we must move along on this