

up some opportunities for Sarpy County to get some businesses that are now located in Douglas County or in the Omaha area, that people who live in our areas do not have the benefit of the tax base that is paid by those industries. We are what you would call bedroom communities. It does not just affect Bellevue. It affects all of Sarpy County, Papillion, LaVista, Gretna, Springfield. We have a tremendous amount of people that have to work in Omaha because we do not have that industrial and commercial base. They are going to be charged this tax just like the people that live in Omaha. The thing of it is that we do not have that local control that Senator Higgins was talking about. That is being exercised by Omaha, but making us be taxed out there, and we have no vote for anybody in Omaha, in Omaha politics. So I think it would be an unfair tax in that respect. I urge your adoption of Senator Fenger's request. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There are...14 minutes have expired of our 30 minute time on this motion. The Chair next recognizes Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator Fenger's motion to bring LB 675 to the floor notwithstanding the committee's actions. As Senator Carsten mentioned, we do have a home rule charter. We also have a mayor. We also have a city council. We also have a chamber of commerce. If these problems are going to arise, and the people of the City of Omaha object to an occupation tax I'm sure they are going to let our mayor know and the city council. If the chamber of commerce objects to it, because of business, they certainly will be working there. I think that what we are doing, and I certainly would never stand and oppose any bill that Grand Island, or Hastings, or Scottsbluff, or Lincoln, or North Platte brought before us because I'm a firm believer of local control. The people there are elected as they are in Omaha, and certainly know how to run their city. As Senator Higgins mentioned, I introduced a bill on a parimutuel tax. It was killed in committee. The city sales tax, there was a bill there to eliminate the authority of the cities to impose a city sales tax. That also...I don't