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CLERK: None, as such. We have a motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move...read. Signed, Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, since the defeat of this motion the other day, the mayor of the City of Omaha, according to a letter I received, is not only in favor of doing this but he recommends that we do do it. Now, I made one or two changes in it, so I will tell you what they are. The study would be through the State Tax Commissioner rather than the Governor's staff because the Tax Commissioner is, of course, an employee of the Governor, and has the prime responsibility in the field of taxation and this motion also includes the area of the parking which is constructed with public funds, owned by the city and might be leased and I said might be leased to private enterprise for a profit. I move for the adoption of the amendment based upon my desire and also the cooperation of the mayor of the city of Omaha.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, members of the body, I am not against the motion that Senator Carpenter has got, but I do think it is necessary that you might know some of the background. I, personally, don't. I'm a Senator that comes from Omaha and I doubtful...am rather doubtful whether any of the other Senators from Omaha know anything about it. This is kind of what perturbs and disturbs me. I think if the mayor of Omaha is going to come over here with a proposal that he wants somebody to do something on or is interested in, I think that the least that he could do is contact some member of the delegation and advise them of what his wants are. Personally, Senator Mahoney has a letter, as I understand, to be issued to each of you in the body in reference to what this problem is and I haven't seen the letter. I'm in the dark. I don't know what the intent.. I don't know what's behind the scenes or what background makes up in reference to this request is and I am just a little bit perturbed because I don't think it's right for the mayor of Omaha to come down here one day and take me aside and take me to dinner requesting some things that he'd like personally for me to do for him in reference to some of his wants and then the next day go take an outstate Senator in hand and ask him to do something that the rest of us in the Douglas county delegation aren't familiar with. I just don't operate that way.

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