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SENATOR WARNER: (continued) Since it wasn't, it seems to me that we ought to really see where these guys are. If they are really for taking this kind of a tax off or not. I asked for a record vote, so I have no closing.

PRESIDENT: We have the Warner Amendment before us. At this time, the Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I am not going to address anything to Senator Warner's motives, but I think this is the best proposal, next to mine, which would take the tax off food that has been made thus far. This gets rid of all of the jockeying, all of the shell gaming and we come right down to the nub. Do we mean all of the things that have been said or has this been like a ping pong game between the Legislature here and the Governor over there with the people who must pay these taxes being the ping pong ball? I am in favor of Senator Warner's amendment. I hope there are enough of you in favor of it for us to stand now. You know what we are like sometimes? We are like those who keep the dam or the dike against the assaults of the ocean. The ocean is out there; we are here to represent the best interests of the people. By accepting Senator Warner's amendment, that is exactly what I feel we will be doing. Before the ranks thin out too much; I am going to sit down so we can take a vote on it.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would just like to remind the Body that by doing something like this on the spur of the moment like this, you will be bankrupting the City of Lincoln and the City of Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would also ask unanimous consent to start at the back of the alphabet on this. We have been roll called from the front all day.

PRESIDENT: Alright, but wait until we get to that. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: In the first place, a minor little item. I think this motion is completely out of order. It is a completely new bill; it is completely ungermane as to what Senator Maresh is doing. Even a grade schooler ought to know that. Why don't we bankrupt the damn cities; let's do it once and for all - bankrupt them. We have the holes in the streets; we have the old houses; we don't have any money even to put in anything new, so, hell, let's go all the way and bankrupt them. Fine.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Nore is next, then Cavanaugh.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I think to consider jockeying around and shell gaming, as Senator Chambers has suggested, that we turn down all amendments and accept the Maresh Bill in its purity.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I think Senator Chambers and Senator Warner, I appreciate them introducing this amendment; I don't think it will bankrupt the cities. I don't think this tax should have ever been placed on people in the City of Omaha. I support it.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak then is Senator Richendifer, then Whitney, then Kelly, then Dickinson.