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SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Mr. President, is there any way that we could get Sioux City, Iowa, in this too? We have alot of people in our area, Senator Murphy and I, that trade over there.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I think Senator Stahmer is exactly correct. This amendment is not germane to this Bill; it is an additional subject. The Constitution of the State of Nebraska says that you cannot have more than one subject in a Bill. This pertains to the one percent sales tax that Omaha has; one percent sales tax that Lincoln has which is entirely different than the food sales tax credit. Therefore, I am asking the President of this Body at the moment to say that this amendment is not germane to the subject.

PRESIDENT: Well, stand by. Alright, Senator Whitney, the Chair at this time is going to rule that this amendment is germane to this particular issue. It relates to sales tax and that is the ruling of the Chair at this time. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, is that your decision that anything that pertains to sales tax can be put on this Bill before it gets through?

PRESIDENT: I didn't ask that. I am ruling only on the Warner Amendment; I can only take them one at a time.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, that is the way it sounds to me. Anything on the sales tax can now be put on this Bill.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Next to speak then is Senator Nore, then Kelly, then Dickinson, Simpson, Keyes. You are passing, Senator Nore? Thank you. Senator Maresh, as a matter of fact, you had your light on before the amendment was discussed. That fine and the Chair now has, I think, two, four, six, eight, eleven lights on up here and I have done my level best today to keep cool and in order to let everybody speak in the order in which they have and to speak once on each issue before the second person was called on. Now, I am going to decide the order if you don't mind. Senator Kelly is next to speak. Senator Nore passed. Senator Nore would you please not turn your light on and off. I can't keep track of it. It was on, sir, and then you turned it off and that is just a little difficult to handle up here. Senator Kelly has the floor.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, friends and colleagues. A question of Senator Warner, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, yield to a question.

SENATOR KELLY: In your amendment, you peeled off some numbers there that I don't know what they are. Would you tell me, in detail, what those numbers are?

SENATOR WARNER: The section numbers?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: The section numbers referred to the authorization that any municipality can have either a half or one percent sales tax by local, city council action and the effective date is January 1, 1975.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you, very much, Senator Warner. Again, I say you can tell a lousy tax because you need exception to it all the time.