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SENATOR KELLY: I would refer to many conversations that I have had in the last two years with the older and the wiser heads in this legislature than I am, and many times I have heard what a shame it was that the state gave away the sales tax to the city. That we eroded our tax base at state level a where only the sales income tax do we have to give the services to the people and we just automatically in one good day gave that to the cities of this state. Here is the chance to get it back. Here is the chance to again make an exception in lousy tax, the sales tax.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Dickinson, Simpson, Keyes, Maresh, Mahoney Rasmussen and DeCamp in that order.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I think that this is a good amendment and I am surprised that Senator Stahmer referred to going to bankrupting cities by putting that 1% sales tax back on property what does he think that property tax is doing to some segments of our economy right now? I think that we have had all of the argument that we need on it and I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Alright the previous question has now been moved. Does the Chair see five hands? Thank you. Questionis shall the debate now cease. All those in favor of closing debate vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Motion is to cease debate. Motion is to close debate. Have you all voted? Motion is to close debate. Alright, Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 19 nays.

PRESIDENT: Alright, that motion is lost. Next to speak is Senator Simpson, Keyes, Maresh and Mahoney in that order.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I support the motion from Senator Warner. I'm going to be consistent as I generally try to be. I oppose this motion when it came originally to allow Lincoln and Omaha to have the sales tax and I think that we have waited long time and we should now try and move it back so that state taxes are only for state purposes and this is the opportunity that we have been looking for all day to put a green light, and this that is what I want.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, your light is off but it was on. Do you want to speak? Thank you sir.

SENATOR KEYES: I just want to say 12 words, Mr. Speaker, I think that we ought to vote and take the sales tax off the city and then adjourn for the day, go home and find out what we really have done.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, finally I have the floor I had my light on as soon as the amendment came on and that was a lousy excuse to say that my light was on all the time because I punched it on when the amendment came on. If the Page can't watch the board that is too bad. Anyway, I oppose the Warner amendment, I think that this bill was torchured and I think that it is time to go back to the original 632 and I so move. I move the previous question.