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SENATOR NEWELL: Yes. Let me say that I am not sure that this is the time for those urban Senators who are very, very... not as well patched together as sometimes as we ought to be, to be arguing among themselves over whether we ought to take a vote today or hold it off for another day and so forth. Now unfortunately the leadership that we have always had outside in the hall is not here. I went back to ask him what we should do and so now, in the absence of that kind of leadership, I think we don't want to irritate or divide what little we have here on the floor today and so for that reason I am going to support Senator Lewis, who has traditionally supported the half cent city sales tax in his effort to hold it over because I am afraid that if we don't do that, we might find ourselves in some problems with others who have supported the bill. It is not a good time to be having these kinds of fights and I know that there are times when the half cent city sales tax has been discussed in relationship to other bills. That has happened to me in numerous occasions and other Omaha Senators also and I think for that, that is not an unusual happening here on the floor of the Legislature. Sometimes people resent it more than others but at this point in time I don't think the best interests of the city is served by forcing a vote on behalf of the half cent city sales tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, then Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, can you tell me how many are excused and what their names are?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Murphy. There is one Senator that isn't here. Seldom on the floor of this Legislature do we get forty eight Senators on the floor all at one time and for Senator Newell, you must understand, Senator Newell, that Senators may disagree. They may violently disagree but when it comes down to the legislation of this state these Senators work for what they feel is the best interest of the state and I don't think Senator Newell or Senator Labeledz, that they ever hold a grudge beyond the voting of that bill. The next bill is a whole new ballgame. There are 25 for one side and 24 for the other and pray to God that the side you are on gets 25, but let's go ahead and vote on it today. I see no reason to wait. I don't know where Senator Murphy stands but he usually stands with the Irish.