

on the eastern part of the state, from Nebraska stores. They, in fact, in Omaha, many people are choosing to opt to save four and a half cents by going across to Carter Lake or to Council Bluffs to shop and then at the same time receive the credit for the State of Nebraska. This proposal would allow us some time to find replacement revenues or even if we cannot find those replacement revenues to repeal this legislation but I would hope and I believe that once we have promised the people of the State of Nebraska an exemption, that the state will look very aggressively at various options that they have to provide alternative revenue sources, not only for local government but for the state. With that in mind, I ask the body to support this delay mechanism. It is important to give us some time to find an alternative revenue sources. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now this is speaking to the Newell amendment. I will call the list of names if you wish to speak: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment? All right, Senator Kahle. Do you wish to speak to the Newell amendment, Senator Kahle? All right, Senator Maresh. Senator Venditte, to the Newell amendment.

SENATOR VENDITTE: First of all, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I for one cannot support this particular piece of legislation for the simple fact that it will just simply mean that there will be people in the City of Omaha who will be laid off as the result of the loss of expenditure of some in excess of \$6,000,000. Now I have had a number of phone calls in the last year since we have attempted to at least repeal this particular sales tax on food and the cry was simply this. I have been told that my job would be in jeopardy if you people repeal the sales tax on food. It sounds like when Senator Chambers has finished talking that there are people who are starving literally to death in this state and you know, I know of several people, yes, in my district who are on welfare and these people are making more than the average citizen in this state. Exaggeration? Not hardly. They are not starving but they want more money. More money is what they want. Do you realize if we look at that pie, that tax pie, the money that we pay in for defense, the money that we pay in for any other form of service that is given to us by government today. Do we realize, ladies and gentlemen, that in excess of 55% of that tax pie goes to welfare? Now what do they do with that money? Senator Newell, just a couple of questions and, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that this is speaking to the