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was adopted and sent to the floor for your consideration. Now I want to also make another comment or two. With an election coming up in May, if this amendment is to be adopted and is to be presented to the people at this May's election, we need to adopt this amendment, move the bill along and I would suggest expedite it so that it may be approved or disapproved by the body or the Governor by at least next Monday, and with the cooperation of the Speaker and this body and the Governor, the time frame could be taken care of. It is within that context and presentation that I again move the adoption of the committee amendment, Mr. President. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you want the floor?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, simply to say at this time I am going to vote for the amendment. I am doing it with the understanding that the bill by its action here today kind of test the water in a number of directions. I personally have some reservations about additional votes on it. We have had votes and votes and polls and more polls in the City of Omaha and supposedly this half-cent sales tax is of such critical importance that the issue has been responsibly addressed I think by the local officials. So additional votes I have reservations about and I have reservations about the workability of them. I am voting for the amendment because it came out of Revenue Committee that way, and with the full understanding that putting this amendment on is a test the water issue and on Select File, if that is the mood and the way to go and the necessity then appears to move it very fast on Select File, we can look at it there. However, I do believe, as Senator Carsten I think alluded to, if you do put this version in, this vote of the people again, you are committing yourself to an extremely rapid time frame on processing of this bill and I am not sure that time frame can be met but I guess it depends on just what occurs on the floor. I repeat, finally then, I am voting for the amendment at this time and, of course, I am voting to advance the bill since it is my own bill and I am suggesting that once again this is an issue vitally linked with any number of other taxation matters before the Legislature.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to oppose the amendment and I am going to oppose the bill at this time, the reasons being the