

the cities within the state, both villages and cities of the second class. As Senator Landis pointed out yesterday, I am not one of the greatest supporters of this type of Legislation period, and he assumed, I think, that I was adding amendments to harass his bill. Now this is not the first time that people have amended bills that they didn't support and I don't think it will be the last time. I don't look at this as a measure of harassing this piece of legislation. I look at it as being a measure of trying to either make things equal or trying to narrow them down to certain areas. Now, it was my original intention to keep it narrowed down to the original intention of the introduction of LB 591. I think we need to discuss it on that basis. Should Lincoln or . . . should Lincoln have the additional one-half percent sales tax or should they not. We did that last year and the year before in Omaha. But, I don't think this is the time to make those determinations for many, many cities in the state. So I suggest that we strike the Peterson amendment of yesterday that makes it apply to all first class cities, put it back to only the issue as to whether or not Lincoln should have that one-half percent extension and go ahead and debate that issue from there. However, if the body chooses not to restrict it back to this area then I can assure you that I will try to expand it so that it will be equal to everybody in the state. If we are going to start expanding it to the large number of cities that we would be with the Peterson amendment then we should make it apply equally everywhere. Senator Landis also mentioned yesterday that this was a local control issue, that the local people had the option of instigating a sales tax and that is true. But, I would remind Senator Landis and other members of this body that that same provision that we have now applies to all cities of this state not all cities of all sizes or various sizes have instigated that one percent let alone one and a half. It seems to me until we hear a hue and cry from individual cities to increase that one percent that we should narrow it down to those that are asking for it, in this case, the City of Lincoln. So with that, Mr. President, I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator Landis, may I ask you a question please? Last year on LB 40 allowing Omaha to do this, you were not carried away with it and this year you are in favor of the same thing for Lincoln. I know you are a very reasonable man and have a good reason, why is this?