

measure. I gave that vote to override the Governor's veto. Since that time you know the history. So what I am saying here tonight is that if you resolve the problem for Lincoln and the problem is resolved for Omaha and the economy continues to deteriorate and I don't know, you have to be more of an optimist than I am to think it is going to turn around, that we would be back here at some point in time in the not too distant future and we will be using the meat cleaver and the double bladed axe to make some substantial cuts in spending because we won't have the revenue available for the state government. So unless we are willing to address the entire issue I'm not willing I guess at this time to bail out the cities one at a time although at this time I guess, however, we're putting in another twenty-seven first class cities but that means that second class cities and the villages of which there are many, many across the state are going to have to face their own problems individually and they simply do not have the resources to do that. There is no way for them to turn except drastic increases in property taxes and there are many people out there, ladies and gentlemen, who have the same problem paying their property taxes that the good citizens of Lincoln and Omaha and the first class cities have to face. So at this time I'm afraid I cannot vote for 591 although I would vote for a bill which would impose a tax across the board...

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and would give everyone a fair share of the revenue.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: Do I see five hands? I do. Those in support of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Landis to close.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as one of those who supported the motion this morning to raise the sales tax, I find it ironic that I am also the introducer of this bill particularly because the argument that certain cities will be unlikely to support sales tax