

I personally think we ought to have a bill in here to take the sales tax right away from the cities. I will remind those of you that think it is such a great idea that every time I come to Lincoln I am helping you pay your property taxes. Every time I go to Omaha I am helping you pay your property taxes. Every time I go to North Platte I am helping them pay their property taxes but I don't see any of those people coming over to Frontier County helping to pay my property taxes. And I don't know how the rest of you feel about it but that irritates me just a little bit. Now I know there are those people that say, well, yeah, but I am driving on their streets here in Lincoln. Well, I will tell you what, when you go out and go hunting out in my part of the world, you drive on our roads, too, use the services of government out there as well. And I guess I would also add that when I am down here spending money, I am helping you out whether I am paying your taxes for your streets or not. I have heard people say, well, we build the streets so folks can drive up and down them and come in here and shop. Well, put the stores out there in the country then somewhere, that would be fine. We will get to them. I guess I really think we ought to seriously consider the philosophy that we are espousing in this body and not be so damn selfish all the time. All we are doing is saying we have got the votes to take money from folks that really probably aren't going to benefit from those dollars that we are taking from them but we are going to take them from them because we have got the votes to do it. I, for one, think that is wrong. I don't care, you can call it local control by giving them the vote if you want to. If I lived in a city, I would vote for a sales tax, too, because I think, you know, if I can get those suckers to come in from outside the city limits and buy things in here and help pay my taxes, wonderful. I am surprised every city hasn't got a sales tax. We all know the only fair tax is the one that you pay for the services that I use, and I guess if that is what we want to do is have those kinds of fair taxes, then go to it but you are not going to do it with my help.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Peterson, do you wish to speak on the amendment or the bill? Very well. Senator Remmers, do you want to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just want to rise to endorse what Senator Vickers has said. I don't believe that it is necessary to