

CLERK: 12 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Pappas' amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Haberman. (Read Haberman amendment as found on page 585 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, although I am not the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee any more, I am going to continue to fight for agriculture. All the reasons that Senator Landis gave for increasing sales tax are good reasons, are good programs, but I would remind this body that they benefit only the citizens of Lincoln. I was pleased to hear that he says they have a 6 percent increase in population. This means they are going to have more increase in spending, they are going to have more increase in other funds. So I say, therefore, let the citizens of Lincoln pay for these programs but let's don't take it out on the farm folks when they have to buy repair parts for their machinery and their equipment that they have to pay the city sales tax. They are forced to come and buy them and they are in no position to pay any more taxes. So I would urge this body to accept my amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would like to interrupt debate to announce that Senator Goll has guests in the north balcony this morning. They are a group of civics class students from Macy Public Schools in Macy, Nebraska, and we are very happy to have you here to watch the legislative process this morning. Thank you for coming. We are talking now on Senator Haberman's amendment. I will go down the list, Senator Marsh. Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on the amendment? Apparently not. Senator Richard Peterson, apparently not. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I would ask for a ruling on the amendment. I would object to this amendment as not being germane to LB 116. LB 116 is a bill designed to authorize one city to have a vote as to whether or not the city sales tax should be increased and the amendment offered by Senator Haberman is a bill to exempt certain property from the state sales tax. I do not think that...and city as