

well, but the exemption, the exemption is totally different from the bill which is simply authorizing a vote on the sales tax. In addition, there is a bill before the Revenue Committee that deals essentially with this issue. I believe the issue is not germane and I object.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to speak on the point made, Senator Haberman?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I am sorry, Senator Johnson, it does not deal with the state sales tax. It deals only with the city sales tax and, believe me, it is germane. I don't see how you can say it is not germane because it deals with the issue.

PRESIDENT: Any one else wish to speak on the point of germaneness? Give the Chair a moment here to look this over. The Chair rules that the Haberman amendment is not germane and that point may be questioned and tested, if you wish. The Haberman amendment is no longer under consideration and, then, Mr. Clerk, you may proceed.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Haberman. Senator, this is the Request #219.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Johnson, this one is germane. It was drafted by the bill drafters. It contains the same sections. At the present time, when you buy something, leased, sold, or rented, and it is delivered by the retailer out of state, out of state they don't have to pay sales tax, city sales tax. So my amendment says that when my folks of the 78,000 that come to the football game, maybe 50,000 of them come, and they buy a couple of suits, and they have them mailed, or they buy some furniture and they bring their pickup in and pick it up, they don't have to pay city sales tax. Now this makes sense because when you buy a vehicle in Omaha or Lincoln, you don't pay city sales tax. You pay the tax where you register it. So isn't it just common sense on other items that are mailed or big items that are picked up you shouldn't have to pay the city sales tax on that either. So that is what the amendment does, Mr. President. Thank you very much.