

together. This country always comes together when we are attacked from the outside, when there is a war. Today we are being attacked from the outside by inflation, by the federal government cutting its deficits and saying put it on the states. So isn't it time we all got together as Nebraskans and said let's help one another. We are not doing anything here to the people of the City of Lincoln. We are merely saying you have got the opportunity to choose how you want to be taxed. Do you want to pay a sales tax or do you want the City of Lincoln to raise your property tax or do you want the City of Lincoln to try something else, higher user fees? I just believe it is time that we urban people stood up and said to the agriculture people...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...if you want our sympathy for your problems, I am not from Lincoln, Lincoln has voted many times against my bills, but I think it is time that you put that behind you and realize the war we are in, and when the war is settled and the economy goes back to normal, we can all go back to fighting one another but right now I think it is time you just say I am a Nebraskan, I am not a Lincolnite, I am not a farmer, I am not an urban Senator, I am a Senator for the State of Nebraska. So I am going to vote for LB 116. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose LB 116. I noticed in the paper the last day or two where the Mayor said, hey, by golly, we need more money, we can't survive. By golly, there is a lot of us farmers and small towns out there who are having a worse time than the City of Lincoln and I think it is time that the City of Lincoln and some of these big towns take a look at what is going on out there and not be coming at us with all these added taxes that a lot of us are paying when we come into your towns, and as you might know, the City of Norfolk adopted a city sales tax and I adamantly opposed that too because 50 percent of that is going to come from outside the City of Norfolk to help relieve them and here our small towns are going down the tube up there. If Mayor Luedtke or any of them have problems out there or had a business or anything, by golly, with the economic times, I know I and many others have had to buckle up in the last year and