

reassess what we are faced with. By golly, you know the town of Lincoln when a football Saturday comes on, they get a million plus dollars in here and then they have the State Fair, they have the football, the basketball, the track, Nebraska Legislature in here where people come in, testify against bills, the State Office Building where people need to come and yet, by golly, they are telling us they need more to survive. I wonder if some of these towns, in talking to some of the people out there, they ain't get a little greedy and selfish. What is the recourse I asked Senator Landis and someone here for the farmers and the small towns? We are helping pick up your tab to help you but you are not helping us. Nebraska taxpayers' pockets does have a bottom. Only so many tax dollars can be extracted from it. I feel it is extremely unfair to many, many people and I oppose it and I would hope that you do too. Thanks.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I first opposed the city sales tax in 1969. I opposed every increase that Omaha proposed except once on Final Reading, that Bernice may recall, when in the waning days of the session one of the temporary increases couldn't quite get enough votes on that last day because there was some folks trying to find a way to get a couple of other bad bills across and I voted for it that day, on one of those temporary. But my position of opposition has solely been on a principle or policy that the state should never give away its tax base for its own protection and that it was appropriate to assist local governmental subdivisions by appropriations of funds but not give away its tax base. As I said this morning in a presentation, you have to deal with things the way they are, not as you wish they were. That is a Kelly quote, Don, by the way.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: You recall and...

PRESIDENT: I do.

SENATOR WARNER: ...once now we have arrived at the point though where Omaha has a one and a half percent, that is not going to be changed. Any impact that the state may need to