

SENATOR WARNER: So I am reasonably certain about what I am going to say, is the motion to bracket? Is that what we are discussing?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, till May 1.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, I would rise to oppose the motion and I heard part, I think, of what Senator Lamb was stating. It seemed to me that perhaps the argument is trying to mix something in that is really not a part of LB 116. The reference of holding things up for state budget, state tax rates is not an issue here. If it was an issue here, I wouldn't have taken the position I did the other day.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, may I interrupt you a second.

SENATOR WARNER: Certainly.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Ladies and gentlemen in the balcony, please don't lean over the edge. We don't want you to get hurt. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: But the whole issue of what level a city sales tax can be, as I indicated the other day, from this point has been established. It was established in the case of Omaha at one and a half. Whatever impact there is, if the state is to adjust the income tax for state purposes, the ramifications of the one and a half percent in Omaha and the amount of the total rate of sales tax can be, is a moot issue. Now if someone was to propose that the city sales tax was to go to one and three-quarters instead of one and a half, I would be as opposed to going to that extra quarter as I ever was to the one percent or the one and a half. As I indicated that basis there is established. It is law. It is not going to change and I am willing, dealing with things as they are, to acknowledge that and in fact grant that one and a half percent authorization to any city that wishes to use it. So I think it would be mistake to tie this bill up, to suggest that somehow or other it is tied to or related to the problems we have as far as state appropriations, which certainly are serious, there is no doubt about that, but they are unrelated, no consequence. The passage of LB 116 is not going to neither help nor hurt the problems that the state may need to deal with in its own budgetary matters and I see absolutely no purpose in the fact that the bill be