

an occupation tax for each vehicle to be used in his or her business, in the amount established by the city, village, or county, to the clerk of the incorporated city or village, or if outside the corporate limits," and so forth. It occurs to me that what we are creating here is a mechanism that is going to be very hard for some people to jump through. Let me give you an example. Itinerant merchants I suspect we all think of as being some traveling salesman that nobody really wants around anyway. My home town just lost its only grocery store. There is a truck that drives around the community out there and it is the Schwan's man. Everybody kind of depends on him now, and they are really going to depend on him at this point. Senator Pappas is licking his lips already, he's tasted Schwan's ice cream, I can tell that. But what we are saying with this law, as it is drafted right now, is that in my home area, which has got three counties in a very small, close proximity of my home town, within a half a mile of the town you can go in either one of two counties. The village is going to have to have an occupation tax, each one of those counties is going to have to have an occupation tax, which they don't have right now. We are creating a mechanism where it is going to be very difficult for that individual to ply his trade in that area even though we want him to ply his trade in that area. All my amendment does is insert some language at the front of that section that says if a city or village or county chooses to enact an occupation tax, then they can do so, but they don't have to. Under the bill, as it is drafted right now, every one of those small villages, every one of those counties are going to have to have an occupation tax. Those of you that maybe come from the larger cities understand occupation taxes, but I can tell you that there is not too many occupation taxes in Farnam, Nebraska, right now. I think it is ridiculous to create a situation where every one of those little entities are going to have to tax an individual that they really don't want to tax, that they really don't want to put in some hoops to prohibit them from plying their trade. We really are not in a position out there where we are trying to put in mechanisms to hold down the competition. We'd like to have as much competition as we can. We'd like to have as many services as we can. So I would like to ask you to adopt this amendment to LB 191. I've got some serious reservations about the bill, quite personally, but I can understand that with this amendment it would be a much more palatable bill, in my opinion, to the vast majority of the areas of this state. So I would like