

SENATOR HEFNER: I would like a ruling from the Chair if this...if this isn't changing the agenda that we prepared for today.

PRESIDENT: All I can say Senator Hefner is that the printed copy obviously came out first and then the Speaker set up the agenda which we are following now by allowing these motions on 722.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. I would like to ask a question of the Speaker. Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER NICHOL: I didn't hear what you said.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...aren't we going against the agenda that you set up or that we prepared for today?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, this morning I announced early that the reason we are going on...you mean by amending 722?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, I announced this morning that it was necessary that we do all the work necessary on 722 today so that it can be advanced, so that we can read it on Tuesday and have an advantage of override veto. Otherwise, if we would not do that then it would be read Wednesday and that is too late for override.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I was probably goofing off this morning when you were making that announcement.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You were probably thinking about those horse races.

SENATOR HEFNER: I probably was. Anyway, I'm still opposed to bringing this bill back for this amendment. Omaha and Lincoln both have one and a half percent city sales tax now and I think that they would be able to appropriate the money from these funds to take care of their mass transportation. We just allowed Lincoln another half a percent city sales tax and so I don't think it would cause a property tax increase as some of the speakers have been talking about. Senator Chizek mentioned losing jobs. I don't think that the City of Omaha would lose jobs and we voted fair and