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to be consistent. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, if you'll notice in the committee statement, I didn't vote on this. The reason I didn't vote on it is because I didn't want to increase property taxes anymore, or allow certain bodies or governing boards to increase property taxes. But since that time I've talked to the mayor and I've talked to others. They now have a new manager, as I understand it, in the Metropolitan Authority, and he's trying to run a more efficient operation. They may not have to use the 3 cents that is provided in this bill. I hope they won't. But anyway I'm now convinced that they perhaps do need it. So I will be supporting the bill. I also asked this question, I said, why can't you use some of the sales tax for the support of this? But this authority does...is not able to use sales tax to support their transit system. They can only use property taxes and the fees they get from the ridership. So their hands are tied. It looks like if the costs go up much more, the City of Omaha will probably try to take over the Transit Authority and then they would be able to use some of that sales tax for the support of that. So, at this time, I'm going to support the bill.

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I would yield to Senator Hall, if he wants to.

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, Senator Vickers raises a good point, but I don't agree with it. Senator Vickers, I think if you look at who voted for the bill that you are referring to, and who didn't, there was only one member of the Omaha delegation who would be interested in this legislation, as you put it, that didn't support that bill. I think I supported it in every step of the way, knowing that I had this bill coming up on Monday and thought that it was a wise political move on my part. But I would urge you to take a look at who you might think your friends are among your colleagues and see who voted with you and who didn't. I would think that you would find that a great majority of the Omaha delegation did support that technical