

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I wonder if Senator Haberman would yield to some questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman is on deck here.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Is that right, Senator Haberman, will you yield to some questions? Now, Senator Haberman, you remember LB 715, the bill that a lot of us sweated over that extended the sales tax to business utilities, remember that bill? Did you support that bill at any stage of the way?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I did not.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now you remember during the Special Session last fall when we had the bill to increase the cigarette taxes and all the pressure there was out there behind the glass not to vote to increase the cigarette taxes but we needed to raise the revenue so we wouldn't have to raise the sales tax or income tax any further, did you vote to support that bill?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I did not.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now remember also last year when we had the bill to increase the income tax from 19 to 20 percent. We had already taken \$15 million out of the budget in the spring and we didn't think we could take any more out and, remember, we needed 33 votes to do that. We had to have the emergency clause to do that and 33 people came down and voted to increase the income tax then, did you vote for that bill, Senator Haberman?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, I did not but I gave Lincoln the 33rd vote to increase their sales tax.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: So you gave Lincoln the authority to increase its own sales tax?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, that is what they wanted. I think I even helped Omaha increase theirs, Senator Hoagland, that is what you wanted.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now what are you going to do this year, Senator Haberman. You know, we understand from the Appropriations Committee we have got a 25 to 40 million