

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I won't take much time to discuss this kill motion. I usually do not participate in kill motions and I don't plan to participate in this one. This, I would remind you, is a local option. If the people don't want it, they don't vote it in and it doesn't happen. We all know what is going on in rural areas, Senator Lamb. We all know that there is stress in agriculture and we also know that there is stress in the small communities and this gives them an option that they need which I must say we appreciate having in Lincoln, Nebraska. Recently we had the option to increase ours. I appreciate that from the body and I plan to reciprocate by opposing this kill motion and I urge the body to oppose it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lundy, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members of the body, I'll probably repeat some of the things that have been said by Senator Harris. First off, I should mention to all of you, as he did, that this is an option available for the cities today. There is an option available which requires a vote of the people in that community to approve a 1 percent sales tax. That is in existing law today. This bill authorizes a change in that law that would increase that from 1 percent to 1 1/2 percent. That's what this bill does. Now, let me remind you also that if there is a purchase of a tractor, as Senator Lamb indicated could happen, there would be no city sales tax on that tractor if that tractor is delivered to the Lamb ranch, no sales tax. If that unit is delivered to the ranch, to the farm, to the dairyman, to whoever out there, there is no sales tax on it at all. I'll remind you again, it requires a vote of the people before anything is done. Before anything can be done it requires a vote of the people and certainly today I think the cities, the villages in this state deserve the same kind of treatment as this body has authorized for the City of Omaha and for the City of Lincoln in times gone by, in recent times, year before last, as I recall, for the City of Lincoln, maybe it was last year. So it is nothing new. You have already authorized this for a metropolitan class City of Omaha and for a primary class City of Lincoln. I would urge your support for the bill and urge your vote against this IPP that is before us at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Miller.