

to accept it and I feel that I can accept the bill. I know the argument is that the farmers are going to pay into this and that's true in some items, but I also recognize that I use Lincoln as my source of goods and I'm paying the cent and a half sales tax as a farmer. I buy repairs in Lincoln, so I'm paying it and I don't feel it is that difficult. I did notice that I also buy a lot of my products in Seward where all my repairs, equipment and so on, but if I buy a refrigerator or any major item, I don't pay the sales tax on that, that is the city sales tax. It is delivered to my home and then I pay it. So many of the items that we pay as farmers are not...we don't collect sales tax. And Senator Miller brought up a good point and I think it's a very true statement and I've been telling this to many of my constituents in my towns, that the rural people have been subsidizing their school education and we need to take a look at that and I've been looking at it for the last eight years. So I'm sure that something is going to be done in the future and it needs to be done, but we also must recognize that the cities are going to be in trouble with the cuts that are coming from the federal level. They are going to have to do things that it is going to be almost impossible for them to do with the property tax load that they are now carrying and I feel we have to recognize this and I'm willing to recognize that. But I also expect some help, when the times comes, for them to help us. It's a two-way street. We've got to help one another and I think this time we can help our urban friends. So I am opposed to the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Very well, thank you, Senator Sieck. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, this is one of the few times that Senator Sieck and I will disagree, but I stand to support the Lamb motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. My perspective is much the same as Senator Miller has already expressed so I won't be redundant other than to say that I anticipate that this particular bill is looked upon as a property tax relief measure. The problem is that as we allow cities to opt to have local city sales tax options, it lessens the pressure in this body to address the overall property tax problem we have in the state and I think that it's important for us to work, as Senator Sieck already mentioned, together on a meaningful property tax relief package and I don't think you can reach that goal with allowing cities to carry out their own city sales taxes to provide some modest amounts of property tax relief in their own municipalities, but allow those of us that