

20 seconds for the recording of your vote. Please vote aye or nay. The motion is to cease debate on the Lamb motion to indefinitely postpone. Please record your vote aye or nay. Five seconds to record your vote. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 11 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails and, Senator Miller, you're entitled to speak. Then the speaking order, if these lights are indicated, are Senators Lundy and Senator Lamb. Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: Mr. President and members, the first time I spoke I must have inferred that property taxes in the city are not high because from behind me I heard this "baloney", I think that's what he said. And I do not want to make reference that property taxes in the city are not high. They are at the rate up to 3 percent of valuation, where in the rural area 1 1/2 percent of valuation is high. But I want to make the point that the number of dollars that the rural people are paying on is much larger than the number of dollars that the urban people are paying on and that is to clarify the fact that I see in relation to the total amount of monies that are paid, taxes, property taxes in agriculture are extremely high. The rate is not higher. I would like to make two other points. One is that anytime you increase city sales tax you are eating away at state revenues. There is no two ways about that. That's an absolute fact. When I sat on the Constitutional Revision Committee and we were thinking about raising the tax rate on allowing the hotels to charge a tax rate, they added up all of the taxes and that was the tax rate for the State of Nebraska which included, of course, the state sales tax. Anytime you raise any of those taxes you are eating away at the state revenues and I think we all know we're not long on revenues here in the state. One other point I would like to make is that this is a different bill than the bill that came out of the Revenue Committee. The bill that came out of the Revenue Committee just allowed for language on the sales tax issue, did not allow for a sales tax increase. I think the bill, originally, probably was a good bill. It would allow the city sales tax, it would allow the cities to have a sales tax for specific things that were mentioned and that is still in 890, but now 890 takes on a much larger, a much larger jump and that is it raises it another half a percent. I think we're disallowing those people that wanted to vote, for example, myself, that wanted to vote on the new language that would have to be on the ballot, now have to oppose it because it does eat away at state sales tax, state revenues.