

I would urge the body, because of the several reasons that are mentioned, and mainly because of the tax study that is coming, to vote for this kill motion and let's look at it next year. Very well, Senator Lundy, do you wish to speak to the issue again? Senator Lamb, I'll hold you to close then and, Senator Hartnett, the Chair recognizes you to speak.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise to oppose the kill motion. I really think that we've got to give the cities an option and this is simply what we're doing and we're allowing the people to vote on it. And I'd like to maybe comment on some of the remarks of Senator Miller about farmers paying more taxes and I'm not going to dispute the aspect that they may pay more property tax, maybe if they live in a K-12 district, but as far as income tax, and I had a former student of mine who is a farmer said that you are a poor farmer if you pay any income tax because one of the advantages that farmers have over us city boys is that you have different exemptions that you can find to write off your income, where ours are simply by wages and we simply have to pay our taxes. So I simply rise to oppose it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the kill motion. I initially did vote for advancement of the amendment, but we're coming to a crossroads now. I'm not sure how Senator Haberman's bill is going to turn out on removing the sales tax on repair parts for farm machinery, but I have become aware now of our last two years of the economy in Nebraska. I think we've lost something like a 150 farm equipment dealers over the state. We have a situation where some of these dealers are inside of the town limits, some are located outside. We have a, right there, I think an extreme disparity of how we are going to be administering a municipal sales tax. This is irregardless of the new machinery that can be delivered without a tax. I don't think there is that much new machinery being sold now. I think these dealers are in business repairing the old machinery and the high cost of the repair parts. I think that with that disparity and the fact that the states all around us, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, do not charge the sales tax on repair parts or on new machinery leaves us really in an awkward position here, in such an awkward position that I don't think that we are in a position to be going ahead now and making, encouraging even a higher sales tax in our state in such a disparate position as it would be applied