

with some of the businesses inside of the town limits and some outside. So with that I decided I'm going to support the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Eret. Senator Conway, did you wish to speak on the motion to kill? I think it may not be necessary. Thank you for the motion anyway. If there are no others to speak, I recognize Senator Lamb to close.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, not too many of you were here when the first additional half cent sales tax was authorized and that, of course, was Omaha. I think that was the first year I was here, maybe 1977 or '78, one of those years. Senator DeCamp was here. Some people were here and that was really a big, big, big push and there were dinners and there were lunches and there was all kind of pressure brought to bear to just take care of this problem over in Omaha. We need this extra half cent sales tax because if we don't do that, we're going to have to have a garbage tax and nobody in Omaha wants a garbage tax. And so I'm a bit surprised with Senator Hartnett's statements, well, in a couple of ways because he coined this phrase or this new word a few weeks ago, "creepyism", and this additional half cent sales tax thing is a prime example of "creepyism". You know, first we were only going to have it for Omaha. Then, of course, we got it eventually, a couple of years ago, for Lincoln and now we're going to authorize it all across the state and that, after you've been here a while you realize that's the way things work. Let's just stick it in here for this special situation and...but then it goes on and on from there. Senator Hartnett says farmers don't pay income tax or, at least, he inferred that they don't pay their fair share of income tax. I really disagree with that because farmers do pay their fair share of income tax, if they do have income. Now, it is true, if you buy a part for your tractor, you subtract that from your gross income. Now, if you can consider that avoiding income tax, that is not realistic. You do have to be able to deduct legitimate business expenses and that's what farmers do and that's what a businessman does in any town or anywhere. And so farmers do pay their fair share of income tax. Amendment 4 was mentioned, Amendment 4. The thing that was to happen there was status quo. The only thing that was to happen there was to keep the property taxes in rural areas from climbing out of sight as a result of a situation in Kearney, the Holiday Inn case, and that's really what it was to do. Now, of course, when you get right down to coming up with actual legislation to implement it, there have