

option county sales tax and not only just a local option city sales tax. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is an amendment by Senator Lamb and let me run through these names here. Senator Pappas, I'll hold you in case you're interested. Then Senator Harris. Vard Johnson is next. Senator Harris. Here is Senator Pappas, all right. Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President, colleagues, how strange and, as they say, how the worm turns. I had a bill introduced this year that allowed for a county option sales tax and if I remember correctly at the public hearing, there weren't too many people like Senator Lamb or other people there supporting my little bill. In fact, I think the bill was killed in committee and I think most of the rural senators on the Revenue Committee, excluding Senator Carson Rogers, voted for the kill. Now, how strange it is that old Howard Lamb comes back in and says, hey, what's fair for one is fair for all. I think this is a very bad amendment at this time. I think you'll probably see myself introduce a similar bill again next year, but for this time I think this is an amendment that should be voted down rapidly.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the motion. As Senator Pappas mentioned, there was a bill introduced to have a county option sales tax. It was defeated. It was not put out of committee. We don't want to inject this issue into this particular bill because this is an important issue that needs to go forward. I'm afraid it will eliminate the possibility of it going forward and I am sure that Senator Lamb who, by the way, I described yesterday at a breakfast as being back with us and he has, contrary to most rumors, not mellowed. He is up to the same old things. I'm sure that Senator Lamb probably has this in mind. So I agree with Senator Pappas. Let's dispose of this amendment. Let's move on to other business. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: There are other lights on. I do see five hands and the motion is, shall the debate...the question is, shall the debate close? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no.