

Have you all voted? You can still vote on the board, Senator. Senator Haberman, did you wish to vote? You owe me one, Senator. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 2382-83 of the Legislative Journal.) 48 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A majority of the members having voted in the affirmative, the bill is declared passed. Proceed to LB 889. That's been taken care of, I guess. Then how about LB 890?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have motions on 890. The first is by Senator Vickers. Senator, the amendment I have is the one on 1245 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this bill is one that I have opposed consistently. The amendment that I would offer to it is one that would attempt to put in a little bit more equity in this particular situation. Now I've been around here long enough to know that when the train is on the track, whether or not it's got a caboose on it, you don't stand in the middle of the track. But I still feel the need to at least make a few comments about this particular bill. What we are about to do is grant the power of municipalities to have a...make it easier, number one, to get a city sales tax; and, number two, to make that local option the same as it is in Lincoln and Omaha. Of course the argument for that has been consistently that we needed to be equitable to the rest of the communities across the state because we'd already done it to Lincoln and Omaha. My problem with it is that as we broaden the tax base, and I think we need to broaden the tax base, we ought to broaden it to the benefit of all of us. We ought not to broaden the tax base only for the benefit of those people that happen to live in an incorporated municipality. So the amendment that I had up there is one that, if you remember Senator Haberman's bill that would have allowed the purchase of machinery, or repair parts for machinery for farm equipment, or for the purchase of pharmaceuticals for livestock, to be exempt from the sales tax in Senator Haberman's bill. My amendment would simply make the city option city sales tax so that it would be not applicable to those purchases. Of course my argument was that if we purchase a pair of tires for our tractors we are not wearing out the city