

going to have, you know, a 5.5 percent sales tax, a 5.5 percent sales tax rate. You know the poor people can't pay it. Well, Omaha and Lincoln, probably between the two, have 30 to 40 percent of the population of the state. Now I did not see Senator Johnson or anybody else introduce legislation this year to take the 1.5 percent away from Omaha and Lincoln. I didn't see anybody, anybody that has voted against this bill, anybody talk against this bill. I heard yesterday eloquent Senator Lamb stand up and say we haven't done anything for agriculture. He talked about this bill coming up today. We've been doing things for agriculture all week, for all session we have. But how short our memories get on certain things. I saw this legislative body, yesterday, fail to override a \$486,000 veto to political subdivisions, cities. In light of the Gramm-Rudman cuts coming up these cities, other ones, deserve the same right, the same right that Omaha and Lincoln has that apparently Vard Johnson and others do not want to try to take away. They deserve the same right to make up for these losses in revenues. Now the people poll, after poll, have talked about sales tax as a fair tax. This has to be voted on by the people themselves in those communities. It is not asking for too much. It is not asking for too little. It gives them the same option that Omaha and Lincoln have had for a good number of years. I think it is only fair to vote down Senator Johnson's amendment to return, and pass this bill, hopefully with the E clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: This whole issue certainly points up the need for the tax study that we have authorized. Maybe Senator Johnson thinks that we've enacted a sales tax in perpetuity. First of all, it hasn't even been signed, let alone read finally. And the next thing is that we have all found out in here that we can come back next January, or the people occupying these 49 chairs, and they can undo what we have done. Now, granted, they may not do that, but that option is theirs. Like Senator Pappas pointed out, this is by a vote of the people. Now I know Senator Lamb is following my talk, and I can just about understand what he's going to say because I've been hearing it from my rural people too. A city votes it in, and it is taxation without representation because we, from the country, come in and we have to buy goods in the city, and we didn't have any say on that vote. If I'm back here next year, I'm going to come in with bill that says let's go on with a county sales tax and then devise a formula and we'll distribute that. The country people will have their say. The cities will have their