

option. This is at least one thought that can be brought up for this whole tax discussion. I don't see anything wrong with this. My city has a sales tax up for a vote right now, or will have on the ballot. You are right. How I vote here and what I do with our state sales tax impacts what is going to happen to them, and they need that. We need it. They need it. We've made efforts to cut. We've made real efforts to cut. Probably at the state level we are more painfully aware of what could happen with Gramm-Rudman than the locals are right now. And some of those people are beginning to understand. But now is no time to put more on property tax. There is no time, and I think most of us have tried to consistently vote to prevent that from happening. I supported both moves yesterday, the sales tax and the income tax. I would have liked to have had the opportunity to have thought about those issues overnight rather than in the heat of what was happening yesterday. Unfortunately, the income tax did not get advanced. Most of us in here understand regressive and progressive taxation. Unfortunately, the person out on the street has not had the opportunity to be exposed to all of the dialogue that we have, and they don't always understand the impact. My personal feeling is that income tax, like many have said, is much fairer. But I know that the man on the street, in my district, is saying sales tax. So if I vote to represent those people, they would prefer the sales tax. They prefer this kind of an option without understanding the other. Again, I say if this doesn't work out, if we come back after a tax study with entirely different options this may be completely negated. In no way would it be perpetuity. I say enact this. Give our first class cities this opportunity, if they need it, along with Omaha and Lincoln and the others that have it, and let's move forward. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the motion to indefinitely postpone. I think some of the best arguments in support of this motion were given by Senator Morehead. She said she's going to come back next year and give the counties the authority to do what the cities have now. Okay, let's wait. You know you can't take a tax away once it's started. So if we give it to the cities now, and they start getting the revenue shortly after the first of the year, whenever, then we are never going to get it for the counties. So let's wait. Let's wait for Senator Morehead's bill which will make it fair so that all the people that are taxed can then have an opportunity to vote. Otherwise we are going to enact a