

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 355 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Final passage of 355. Record your vote, please. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2419 of the Legislative Journal.) 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A majority of the membership having voted in the affirmative, LB 355 is declared passed. The Clerk will read LB 355A.

CLERK: (Read LB 355A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 355A pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on 355A? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 2420 of the Legislative Journal.) 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A majority having voted in the affirmative, LB 355A is declared passed. The Clerk will read LB 539.

CLERK: I have a motion on the desk. Senator Higgins would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins. May we have order in the Chamber, please, so we may hear the speaker. (Gavel.) Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I will not take much time. I just wanted to point one thing out. Before you vote to increase the state's sales tax another half percent, you recall last legislative session we passed LB 662. In that bill, which takes effect next January, we will be increasing the sales tax 1 percent, and if the people keep 662, then instead of having 4 1/2 percent state tax, if we pass this bill, the state will have a 5 percent sales tax. Now you can add to that, if you already have a city sales tax like Lincoln and Omaha. Omaha sales tax will be 6 1/2 percent. I don't know how much Lincoln has. But I just wanted to draw it to your attention that we are