

little old vote doesn't mean anything anyway, I am going to let these others whose votes are important, whose votes do determine the outcome of issues in this legislative body, fight it out. And there is one other point. There was a time when Omaha was trying to get an increase in its sales tax rate and I had always been against that. But I saw the Omaha delegation in disarray, people were, in my opinion, selling their soul to try to get that bill and I became distressed and felt that the integrity of the delegation as a delegation representing the people in the city, not representing the city administration, was more important at that moment than my opposition to the increase in the sales tax. So I gave a little talk and we in the Omaha delegation kind of rallied together, more or less, and some of the other senators decided that they would stop bullying and harassing the delegation and let the thing move to the next stage of debate and ultimately it passed. Well, now something that means more to me than the integrity of the Omaha delegation is at stake and that is my own and the integrity of the people that I represent. We have been taken for granted. People make arrogant presumptions and assumptions about where people such as myself will be on every issue. They make statements that would be better left unmade. But to constantly suggest to people that they should watch their words without there being any consequence flowing from their speaking those words is like pouring water down a rathole, so to speak. That is a mixed metaphor. I am trying to reach the level of notoriety as a senator and say, we are skating on thin water, which I really can't do, Senator Hall. But, nevertheless, I am going to watch the two sides fight this thing out and I am sure that out of 40, however many are here, 45, 47 here, they should be able to garner 33 votes out of 47 very easily. Based on the deals that have been cut and the arrogant assumptions that I have seen and those who are strutting about and preening, they will get their votes but they will get them without me.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am not going to make a lot of remarks about the income tax bill. I did think I would take a few moments, however, to simply go through Senator DeCamp's material and to set the record straight, if I might. Senator DeCamp says, number one, that University Business