

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp, perhaps you would like to answer his question.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator DeCamp, can you explain to me just what this is?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator DeCamp, will you yield to his question.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sure. The amendment is the identical one to the Schmit amendment the other day. I would have to look up what page in the Journal it is on. It is sponsored by what, the 20 or 21 people that signed the amendment and what it does, Senator Keyes, is eliminate the or change the \$24 down to \$20 so you are talking about a six million dollar change there and eliminates completely the sales tax on food January 1, 1978 and I have a little time here I can page through the Journal and get the exact page. It is also in the bill book, apparently.

SENATOR KEYES: All I want to know is right now we aren't going to debate the amendment, are we?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Actually all we are debating is just returning the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We are debating the return of the bill for a specific amendment is all at this point. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Swigart a question if he would yield please. Senator Swigart.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Swigart, will you yield?

SENATOR SWIGART: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is your reason for opposition to bringing the bill back based upon the knowledge that the City of Omaha is going to make a profit on the tax on food and that you can't afford to lose the profit for next year, is that it?

SENATOR SWIGART: That is part of it because we have no other source to supply that four million that it would take off.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So you are just going to take the overage on the food tax and the City of Omaha is going to benefit from that, is that right?

SENATOR SWIGART: That is the way it is written, Senator, and I certainly can realize the importance of at least evaluating that proposition with the Council and the City of Omaha as to whether or not they ought to take the rebate just like the state does. That is a different problem. They drew up a different ordinance but I do want you to know there is so few sources of revenue in a city like Omaha as compared to the state, you see. We can't impose an income tax or sales tax.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So you don't agree, then, that the city