

you allowed four cities to go through the procedure and do it by ordinance and public hearing and now you are saying the other 190 some cities of this state should have to take it to a vote of the people in a general election. If you really believe in local control and autonomy of elected officials at that level, then you prove it today by striking the enacting clause because otherwise you are guilty of hypocrisy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess we have to go through the same arguments again. We voted on the bill yesterday. It passed by 30 votes. We also voted it off General File. I don't know where, Senator Koch, why he didn't bring up his arguments yesterday or at some earlier time. The theory has been advanced to me that Senator Koch is unhappy because of some previous disagreements on other bills but I want to tell all of you that I reject those arguments because I know that Senator Koch is a man of integrity and he would not do that sort of thing. I discussed this bill on General File, explained the situation in the small communities where in many cases an implement dealer or some other business can easily locate outside the city limits and you have a problem in those cities. You have a problem because the tendency is for the businesses to locate outside the city limits because then they can avoid the city sales tax and then they have a competitive advantage and you could have an exodus from the city and this would weaken the whole area. Now as I explained before, this is not a problem in Omaha and Lincoln. It is not a problem because of the distances that are involved. You are going to have very few businesses move outside the city limit in order to avoid the sales tax. This bill is a good bill and I am not sure what Senator Koch's motives are but to say that this bill is not a good and useful bill is not the truth. I urge all of you to reject the amendment which Senator Koch is trying to put on the bill which would strike the enacting clause. I urge you to reject this return of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to the kill motion and I would like for Senator Koch to yield to a question because I can't make sense out of what he was saying awhile ago and I have got to ask a couple of questions to clear it up.

SENATOR KOCH: I thought I was rather explicit, Senator Goodrich, but sometimes you don't want to hear what I have to say. Proceed.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I am trying to get the relationship between this particular bill, what it calls for. This calls for a referendum before any other towns can adopt the sales tax. How does that relate in any way, shape or form to the Omaha situation?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Goodrich, if you are candid, you know what was happening with 394 as it went across here. It was going to be killed the first day virtually. Then