

the Newell amendment but we pass the bill and be done with it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery, no, your light is off. Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, and colleagues, the point of the matter is that because the Court of Industrial Relations recent adjudication, the City of Omaha has been put into a \$3,000,000 bind, approximately. The point of the matter is that the City of Omaha is trying to generate approximately \$11,000,000 by the increase in the sales tax or this one half percent increase in the sales tax. The point is that there is \$9,000,000 differential. Now we have had numerous attempts on this floor in the past week, the past several days to go along with them, to go ahead and take care of the crisis created by the Court of Industrial Relations and this body has rejected it. This body is still on a course to give them this additional \$8,000,000. Now this \$8,000,000 is going to be spent. This \$8,000,000 I would even propose is going, some of it will go to increase expenditures. I do not think they need this total amount and that is why I agree with Senator Newell's attempt. Now you as well as I have seen a multitude of figures, a multitude of accounts trying to prove one accounting point or another and it just kind of relates to a front page story on the Lincoln Journal within the past week on snow removal. The City of Lincoln claimed that this recent snow storm took \$150,000 swath out of their budget, but Lancaster County it only cost \$7,000. Now as a matter of accounting, Lancaster County said we have the employees anyway. We would have a certain amount of that expense anyway so they did not attribute that snow removal specifically to this storm. The City of Lincoln took a different accounting approach. They advertised their insurance, they advertised depreciation of equipment, they advertised a total payroll required and we had two completely different deceiving pictures as to the actual cost of that snow removal. Now both positions can be argued. So the more we get into this, I think it is intentioned by those lobbyists of the City of Omaha to deliberately try and confuse us. I think sitting on the Revenue Committee, hearing the testimony of the City of Omaha, it is very apparent that \$11,000,000 is not needed.

PRESIDENT: Just a moment, Senator Dworak. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: A point of order, Mr. President. Are we addressing as Senator Dworak...

PRESIDENT: Yes. He has addressed himself to the time limitations of Senator Newell's two or three times during his debate. Is that your question?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, is he addressing himself to the amendment?

PRESIDENT: Not as strictly as many others do but I think it is within the confines of it. He has mentioned the Newell amendment in passing. Why don't you mention it again just for good measure?

SENATOR DWORAK: I definitely support the Newell amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte moves the previous question. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.