

That is what the bill is....

SENATOR DE CAMP: That is the allegation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be opposed to a motion to indefinitely postpone this bill?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well I thought about that myself.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since, it is not needed.

SENATOR DE CAMP: But, rather than jeopardize the bill and have the Governor have as an excuse say, wait, there is no money to implement this bill and use that as his excuse, we are not wanting any option or excuse for not following the law. So, Mr. Peters said that he needed \$25,000, we will give him his 25 grand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: One other question then. Will this money that this bill is appropriating come from the General Fund?

SENATOR DE CAMP: It is my understanding that it will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then 902, if enacted by the legislature and if somehow put into effect by the City Council and the Mayor of Omaha, 902 itself will impose a half percent sales tax on the citizens of Omaha. But, in addition there is going to be a tax no matter how minuscule, which all citizens in the state are going to have to pay a cost they will have to help defray as a result of this bill.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I suppose that we could look at that in the context of any bill. For example lets say that somebody introduced any death penalty bill or something like this, I mean just for the sake of hypothetical...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, there are costs associated with that. Printing of the bill, distribution, just the processing, this is a normal cost of government involved with the processing of a piece of legislation. As I say, we don't think that that \$25,000 is really necessary. I think that it is an excuse for Bill Peters to get another 25 grand down there in the Revenue Department for whatever reasons, we are not going to allow that. We feel that we should not allow that to be a basis for torpedoing or destroying the whole Omaha sales tax issue one way or another.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. Members of the Legislature, this 902 not only is going to put a tax on the citizens of Omaha, now all of the citizens in the state are being asked to pick up some of the tab for administering it. Now, when Senator DeCamp mentioned general cost of government when a bill is enacted, he is correct, but in the example that he took of a death penalty bill it would not be designed, I hope, to apply to one geographic area of the state. I have a bill to try to help see that that doesn't happen, Senator DeCamp. Nevertheless, on this bill there is no pretense that it effects anybody other than the citizens in Omaha. If the tax is imposed, then the citizens in Omaha will pay it. But