

however much of the session is available for that purpose. The tax should not be levied but it certainly should not for the purposes envisioned by the people in Omaha who want this, namely, the public officials. There is a monstrosity known as an auditorium. You've heard that described. There has been discussion in past years about the Henry Doorly Zoo, the expense of trying to attend that location. To tax all of the people for something which is going to benefit a relative few is not appropriate, especially when the tax itself is regressive. So with the days of rest that I've had, as we considered other matters, I will be in full possession of my faculties and abilities in order to resist this bill. Senator Landis and some of the others must have gotten together to put their forces together to adopt the Omaha sales tax as an amendment in exchange for the Lincoln sales tax being supported. What needs to be considered is what this will do to the tax base of the state. Over the weekend, there may be some additional discussion, not maybe, I'm sure there will be, but after that there is going to be considerably more discussion on the floor of the Legislature. This reconsideration would have to have at least 25 votes to be successful. The vote to attach Senator Ashford's amendment had 30 votes, so the likelihood of succeeding with this motion is very, very slim. However, I've never been deterred by the prospect of lack of success from doing what I think ought to be done. I believe that this sales tax by Omaha must be defeated at all costs. Others may not feel that way. So I am prepared to do all I can to make sure that the sales tax for Omaha does not become a reality. This vote which has been discussed that was taken prior to obtaining authorization from the Legislature was a very poorly attended election. The margin of victory was very slight and, as might be expected, it was carried as a result of the votes by people who live in the western part of the city. They probably see where there are some benefits that would accrue to them and those whose interests they share. There are people whose interests I represent that must be dealt with on this floor. So this motion to reconsider is the first step in that struggle, and I'm asking that it be supported.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Moore, would you like to speak to...

SENATOR MOORE: The Landis amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: You wish to speak to the Landis amendment?