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asking you this, if it was your time I wouldn't take all this time with you. What do you think of taking away one-half percent authorization on sales tax from every political subdivision that has levied a sales tax.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You...you're talking the local option tax?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You're talking about the local option sales tax?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Yes, if we took away the authority...if we reduce that authority by a half percent then the state could levy a half percent sales tax with that amount.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator, I can be very honest with you, and very up front, because I've been that way since the beginning of this local option sales tax, I never did support it. I didn't support it because the area I come from there aren't that many sales, so it really doesn't make that much difference. But when I go somewhere else and buy something, I leave my sales tax money for them to spend. That's a...that's a selfish approach from my standpoint, but it's an approach that I've had for a long time because I know that when I go to Lincoln and...and spend money, Lincoln has an advantage. If it go Omaha, Omaha has an advantage, but none of those people ever come to my community to spend any money because they don't have anything...we don't have that much to buy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But wouldn't you agree, too, that the more taxing authority we give to the local subdivisions the less of a taxing authority we can exercise at the state level.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Absolutely. Absolutely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Vrtiska.