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hopefully about the Omaha situation as the Omaha city officials and, of course, the individual citizens of Omaha and the Omaha Senators. So this is what they suggested. I would hope you would adopt it. If you think it is unreasonable, of course, you would reject it but I think it is reasonable. Remember, we are going to a vote of the people and they are getting to vote on whether they want this or not.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you want to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: A question of Senator DeCamp or two.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator DeCamp, is the assumption that after these dates, then what happens, the tax no longer exists after 1984, is that the last of it or the authorization for it?

SENATOR DeCAMP: The authorization for it expires and theoretically I guess it could terminate before then if everything were straightened out. Remember, we don't need to rehearse it again, you remember all the recitation of the Omaha problems and the reasons. Theoretically, they could terminate it considerably before that depending upon the economy and everything.

SENATOR WARNER: I was wondering if you would be willing to accept an amendment where we would just strike the dates. I really see no point in playing the game that this is going to be a temporary tax. We all know that is not the case. It seems to me it would be, and I am not going to support the bill, you understand, but it seems to me that it would be more appropriate just to strike reference to dates and establish the one and a half percent rate and forget it because I don't think anyone believes including anybody in Omaha that that is going to be repealed in 1984 or in any other time, if it is not now. Would you see anything wrong with just striking that out and making it permanent?

SENATOR DeCAMP: You know personally I guess I have the inclination to let Omaha pretty well resolve some of their internal problems themselves and, of course, this would be an internal decision and your suggestion goes in line with that. Now whether that would have an adverse impact on the legislation I don't know but maybe if we moved it today with the dates we could resolve that question on Select and