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if you were going to resolve the issue.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I oppose the DeCamp amendment. In fact, I oppose the increasing or extending the sales tax for Omaha at all. I think I will eventually put an amendment up there that the whole state vote on a referendum whether they should put on another cent or half cent of sales tax. I think we should all have that privilege of reducing our property tax. Now this would not be for increasing the spending. The spending would stay the same, but I think if Omaha has this privilege of taking part of their burden of taxes and putting it on extra sales tax, I think the whole State of Nebraska should have the same privilege and the people that I talk to in my district I think they agree and I believe it would only be fair if we are going to let Omaha vote on it that we let the whole state vote on it and, therefore, I certainly oppose the DeCamp amendment. I think that's just absolutely wrong to continue to let Omaha do what the rest of the state cannot do. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are still speaking on the DeCamp amendment to the bill. Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak on the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a question. Senator DeCamp, why did you bring this bill and the amendment in?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Why do you bring any bill in? It is a legislator's prerogative and duty to deal with issues. This is an issue I chose to deal with. Somebody asked me to and I dealt with it. That is it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You were not requested by Omaha to bring it in?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Pardon.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You were not requested by any Omaha officials to bring it in or their lobbyist?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Which, the amendment or what are we talking about now?