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has to be reached in this Legislature when it is frankly realized that municipalities and other inferior subdivisions of government were created by the state. The state was not created by them. The federal government was a creation of the states, so contrary to what a lot of the cloudy reasoning has resulted in in modern times, the state is not to be the victim of every other division of government, whether it be federal or the inferior divisions. Look at the whole system of government in this country like a dumbbell. On the one side is the federal government, on the other side is the local government and in the middle is the state government which is the bar that connects the two. So the most important link in the chain of government throughout this country is the state government and I think the state demeans itself when it allows itself to be bullied or maneuvered and manipulated...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by local governments into cutting out those things that are needed by the state to carry out its legitimate and constitutionally required duties and responsibilities. I am opposed to Senator DeCamp's amendment and I am opposed to Senator DeCamp's bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to speak on Senator DeCamp's amendment?

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to Senator DeCamp's amendment to grant this extension in excess of what our Revenue Committee has established in the year 1981 to 1983. Now for those of you who were here last year at the time LB 902 was debated and redebated and redebated, you recall that the City of Omaha in their original request ask that they be given this privilege to levy this tax through October of 1980. Now with the amendment that the Revenue Committee has adopted, it grants this authority through 1981 and I certainly think it is sufficient for the purposes that the City of Omaha needs. So, therefore, I would rise in opposition to Senator DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? The question has been called for. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye,