

state for state purposes. We have let the cities get their foot in the door and perhaps they need some additional income, but we also are paying that sales income tax when we do our shopping in these larger cities. I never go to Omaha but what I leave some money there and some sales tax. But I doubt if many Omahans leave much sales tax in my area, in my district. I don't want to prolong this what some are going to say is an urban-rural fight. I don't think that it is an urban-rural fight at all. I think that we would just all like to be treated the same. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for unanimous consent to add my name to the bill. I didn't do it for the mayor of the city of Omaha or for any part of the city council. I did it because I believe that Omaha is in trouble financially and we do need your help. I am asking every senator to remember when they vote that they are not voting for the mayor of the City of Omaha, they are not voting for the city council or anything that they may have promised. We are voting for the people of Omaha and the people of Omaha will have their chance to vote whether this sales tax should be extended for one year. I urge each and every member to remember that you are not voting for the mayor of Omaha you are voting for the people of Omaha. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis. You have eleven minutes left on the bill.

SENATOR LEWIS: I will take two of them. Mr. President, I reluctantly rise to support the Omaha sales tax. Nobody is any more impressed than I am with the skill and wisdom and the wit of the mayor of Omaha. One of the very few people I can see a forty vote bill taken and get it down to twelve with statements that he shouldn't be making and to start with and it was introduced on behalf of the city council. The only think that I can apprise that he has done in terms of some of his statements he has been taking lessons from the University of Nebraska, in terms of coming before this Legislature and telling us what we are going to do and what we are not going to do in dealing with us. I will talk about that issue tomorrow when we talk about the chiller. In terms of who purchased when and where and how and talk about sneaky, devisive, slimy approaches to government. The mayor of Omaha is certainly a rank amateur compared to other performances that I have seen lately. Some of them have been centered in Lincoln, Nebraska. But I don't want to say that. I want to say this. I don't care to vote for the bill. I am concerned