

about some situations that have occurred. But I certainly am not going to take my raft out on the people of Omaha in terms of their legitimate needs. I think that they have said through survey, through information that this is the kind of tax that they wish instead of some alternatives. Had I been in the Legislature ten years ago I would have never voted for a city sales tax for anyone. But you have to address problems as they are, not as you would like for them to be. They are going to have to be some additional revenues in Omaha. It is going to have to come from somewhere. The people there I think have expressed their opinion that this is the place for it to come from, rather than a garbage tax, rather than an occupational tax. It is never pleasant to vote for tax increases. But it is important that you try to follow the wishes of the people when they have to do a tax increase and certainly follow the wishes of the members of that delegation that represents it. I am going to vote with the majority of the members of the Omaha delegation. Just like I'd try to vote if I could with the person from Kearney if he had a problem and said here is the way I want it solved. Just like I would, as I usually do with the person from Milligan if he has a problem with the Hubbel building or whatever it was. That is the position. It has been mishandled, mismanaged, done poorly and we are out of time. I rise to support the bill and thank you for the cue card, Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh moves to amend on page 3, line 18, strike 1983 and insert 1980.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I think that the amendment speaks for itself. In our green bill book it is extending it four years rather than one. I move that this amendment be adopted. Lets give Omaha one year. Lets let them try and put their nose to the grindstone. It is not easy in Lincoln, it is not easy in Milford, it is not easy in any of our communities. But the State of Nebraska is doing things to help downtown Omaha and we have been for a number of years. The State of Nebraska has been doing a lot of things for Omaha. Some of the Omaha senators make it sound like those of us in the rest of the state have not been doing anything for Omaha. I ask you to consider what are we voting for. Are we voting for a four year extension or a one year extension?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.