

Now Senator Carsten tried to play a leadership role. Unfortunately, five members of his committee, in I think a rather shortsighted action, chose not to follow the Chairman's lead, and now we have a motion where the Chairman of a committee along with 25 other Senators ask to have a measure brought before the Legislature. Now you would think that the way some of the rural Senators are acting that this bill, this motion would make this bill law instantly, and that is certainly not the case. All we are suggesting is that it be brought out so that it can be discussed, so that what the Chairman of the Revenue Committee wanted to have done could be brought before the full Legislature. Now I would have preferred to have seen the eight members of the Revenue Committee negotiate this within the committee and bring out a compromise that we could act on quickly, that we could get 33 votes to do. But I think when we talk about greed, that perhaps the greed of certain members of that committee prevented that compromise from happening, and now we are going to have to argue back and forth. Senator DeCamp is going to have to threaten Omaha's tax base and try and intimidate Omaha into getting the 33 votes that he needs for his measure, because right now on its own merits that measure cannot get those 33 votes. So the only hope that Senator DeCamp has is to threaten Gerry Koch, threaten on state aid, to threaten the Omaha delegation on their sales tax. I think that is a poor way to legislate. I would rather have seen the Chairman of the Revenue Committee followed. I would have rather have seen a unified proposal brought before us, but that was prevented from happening. All we are asking in this motion is to bring another bill out, to have another option and try and work out a compromise. At some point compromise will be necessary because 33 votes are essential, and I really don't think no matter how potent Senator DeCamp's magic wand is, I do not really think that by intimidating Omaha that he is going to get the 33 votes. I think that there is going to have to be a little negotiation, a little compromise. Senator Carsten tried to provide that leadership. I think we should continue to follow his leadership in this area so that we can develop a solution that is equitable and develop it without having to threaten and intimidate and chastise each other.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, and then Senator Piruch.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the bringing of LB 390 to the floor. I think the