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LB 40

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Lamb, I believe under the existing tax circumstances for the immediately foreseeable future until we may change the entire tax system that the proper and wise thing to do at this time is to pass this bill and continue the existing situation until we change the entire tax system. So, indeed, yes, when I go to Omaha and when I participate in buying food in Omaha or goods, I, John DeCamp, from Neligh, Nebraska, feel that it is not improper that I should pay that half-cent when I am in Omaha buying in Omaha and utilizing Omaha.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I oppose LB 40 in either the form adopted by the committee or without the election provision. LB 40 represents an extra raid on the state tax base by the City of Omaha and I oppose it for that reason. LB 40 allows for log rolling and special interest lobbying of a wide variety of topics including the veterinary college, personal property tax formula and other issues and I oppose it for that reason. Years ago this body was persuaded to give to the City of Omaha this extra authority because of a list of monetary demands made against the city, or so they were told. When the time came to analyze how the money was used, it became clear that it was used at least in part for personal property tax relief and I oppose the bill because having been dealt with fast and loose once by the City of Omaha this Legislature should not countenance a return to our chamber for another helping of like nature from this body. As a father I had to decide whether or not I would utilize that strategy with my children of allowing the child to experience life, both positive and negative, whether or not you allow the child to touch the flame in hopes that once he does he will learn that it is wiser not to put his hands on the oven or touch the flame or the electrical socket or whatever. In fact, I thought that was the wiser of the approaches to assume and I did and I report to you that my 11 year old son has learned not to stick his hand in the flame and it took him only one time to learn that and I would call upon the body to match his wisdom and vote against LB 40.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of LB 40 and the committee amendment thereto that would ask for another election by the city folk concerning the authorization of a one half percent sales tax continuation. It is an interesting situation it seems to me

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