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it and they take a vow of poverty and they don't ever have to go out and buy anything. So so much for these figures on the percentage of people that voted for it. I realize Senator Hoagland put this out but I think he got it from a lobbyist who kind of gerrymandered the figures. I would like to remind you in 1978 the Legislature overrode Exon's veto of the sales tax. 1979, you voted again for a temporary tax, both times temporary. Did you know in 1959, Senator Johnson, Senator Vard Johnson, in 1959 (interruption)...

SPEAKER MARVEL: May we please have it quiet in here so we can proceed with the business.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1959 we had a blizzard that left our streets terrible and the administration then said, "We want a one year two wheel tax so that Omaha can repair its streets". 1981 we don't only have a two wheel tax, it is now sixteen dollars. So much for this temporary tax business. And, again, Senator DeCamp and Senator Labedz and other Senators have said Omaha voted for this sales tax. Remember, Senators, only till the end of this year. They thought that was the end of it. They didn't know they were going to be outfoxed again and that they were going to be told we are coming back again and ask for it again. Lastweek in a committee hearing, Chief VanScoy was there and we were questioning him on a certain bill, and in his answer he said that he has all the battalion chiefs, just the battalion chiefs have aides that drive them to the fires. So I called...no, not Italian, battalion, so I called City Hall today and I found out there are twenty-three battalion chiefs, fire battalion chiefs in Omaha. Now add to that the deputy chiefs and the regular chief of the Fire Department, maybe we have got almost thirty men driving battalion chiefs and deputy chiefs, et cetera, for fires.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got thirty seconds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And yet our administration threatens us that if we don't pass the sales tax the first thing they are going to do away with is protection. There is twenty-five to thirty men they could be putting on hook and ladders but they are chauffeurs. So I say, "Omaha, you had better clean up your act and you start saving some money before you start picking the people's pockets any more".

SPEAKER MARVEL: I assume some of you would like to go to supper tonight. We have got a little work yet to do