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they are doing, in effect, is helping pick up somebody in Omaha's garbage. We are paying the taxes through the sales tax because the people of Omaha don't want to have a fee system to pick up their garbage. Now is that fair? I don't happen to believe it is. The situation that we have got before us is a very simple one. To me it is very, very simple. It is the old adage the only fair tax is the one somebody else pays. Quite honestly if I lived in a city, I would want a city sales tax, too. That way the people that lived outside the city limits could come in town and help me pay my taxes. It is simple.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: That is what we are talking about. I am opposed to LB 40.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, as Senator DeCamp said, this is an issue that has been before us numerous times. A couple of years ago or so I prepared quite an extensive handout to trace the history. It was January 23, 1979 I handed this thing out that would trace the history of this particular proposition but among other things so that I won't read it all or be tempted to and waste all my time, Mayor Veys was upset when then Governor Exon vetoed the tax bill and Mayor Veys said he was not going to let Exon off the hook. He was going to get him and he got Exon right on out of the Executive Mansion on into the halls of the Senate. I wish he would get me like that if I decide that I am going to run for something else. But, Senator DeCamp, for shame, where did he go? Anyway, for shame, Senator DeCamp, saying that I am trying to make him the issue. When he put his name on the bill, he made himself the issue and he did it knowing that he was the only one who could manipulate this Legislature. He is the only one who has enough strength here and there, enough irons in the fire to pull one out here and stick Senator Sleck behind the neck. Why, when he was trying to override the Governor's veto he called a lot of them by name. Cal, I have learned a lot from you. Don't hide, John, I was just paraphrasing you and he could go on down the line. Senator Hefner, you sitting over there talking to the counsel while you ought to be listening to this discussion. You know Omaha needs this tax. Senator Rumery, there you sit. Don Wesely, Senator Wiitala, and he went right around the room like Santa Claus did with his deer and just like Santa Claus' deer took him from the top of the roof to the top of the wall, now dash away, dash away, dash away all,