

that is what the Senators did and Senator DeCamp is going to do an encore. He knows good and well there is no way that his hand can be hidden from this whole thing. He is hard to keep track of. That is why he is going to get his vote on this bill but he reminds me of the situation in the New Testament of the prodigal son but Omaha is the prodigal son. He took all of his goods, squandered them. Then came back home and for him they killed the fatted calf and had a big meal and the other son who stayed at home all the time was upset. Well, they were trying to make another point so I will stop the story there but you know the rest of it. Here is Omaha taking its goods and squandering them. Then saying, "We will go down there to the suckers, to the rural Senators, the farmers who walk behind horses and plows, who know how much fertilizer it takes to grow a bushel of corn but don't know how much it takes to get them to vote for a city sales tax". Yeah, you are going to go for it and I am going to laugh about you all session. DeCamp is giving me something at this early stage in the session that nobody else could. Yes, I am against the bill. I live in Omaha. I have been against the bill everytime they brought it up. I have dealt with the tricksters in Omaha. The City Council just voted themselves a raise. Art Bradley, who is head of Parks and Recreation circumvented the requirement to let certain things to bid by buying a little bit here and a little bit there, and although he circumvented the Council and some of them are upset, nobody has said he ought to resign. So that is how they spend money. Then they come down here and get you to go along with them. What has the trading been so far? What has been offered? What has been threatened? What was the bid? What was your price, Senator Peterson? How about you, Senator Hefner? Senator Sieck, Senator Kahle, wherever you are, Senator Lamb, Senator Maresh, what is your price? If we believe that the matter of fact that the tax base of the state ought not be shrunk, what does it cost to get a Senator to go against that fundamental principle on which rests the fiscal integrity of the state? You won't tell me what your price was but I will have a chance to watch the vote and I will know those whose price was paid.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, there is a few things that I would like to point out to you this afternoon and, Senator Chambers, this is Senator Johnson, not Senator Peterson, just in case you wanted to know. Also the reason I wasn't listening to you was because you was on the same key. You want to change that a little bit.