

very upset about this entire process whether I am for the bills or against them. I think everybody has a right to have their priority bill heard first before we start hearing priority bills the second time and I would urge this body to individually mention to the Speaker that perhaps we should look at this entire concept of the way we are dealing with the priority bills. I believe it is wrong. I believe what we are doing is making a mockery of our system and that upsets me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Are we speaking on the motion to....what is the issue?

CLERK: The DeCamp amendment, Senator, which strike...

SENATOR NEWELL: Strike the committee amendments, okay. I would like to speak on the main bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker, and I placed a call to the election commissioner of Douglas County this morning and I was advised that there can be a vote if the proposal is in law and received by April 13th and I would suggest that that is appropriate. We could expedite LB 40 and make the determination and let the people vote on it in their general election. It is an issue of politics in the City of Omaha and I think it is appropriate to have it voted on at that time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I was at that meeting as Senator Labeledz related. I don't think she quite told all the story. There were approximately half of the people in the room from the greater Nebraska area including Lincoln. None of those people, not one hand went up in support of the Omaha sales tax. Now I think people from greater Nebraska ought to take note of that, that their people do not want it and I also told them my reasons for opposing the sales tax for Omaha. Number one, it erodes the state's tax base. You know when we passed that constitutional amendment that created sales tax and income tax to be used to support the State of Nebraska, we precluded any property tax to be used for state purposes. Property tax is reserved for those local subdivisions of government. Income tax and sales tax is reserved for running state government and whether we like it or not, we are eroding the legitimate support of the State of Nebraska which is our primary responsibility. The second