

reason I opposed it is because people driving to Omaha from Coleridge, from Columbus, from Beatrice or wherever, are not terribly excited about paying for those local subdivisions, those local services that are enjoyed exclusively by Omaha people. Third, the real solution is to stop spending. That is the solution that the Omaha City Council and the Omaha government will not recognize. That is the true solution, not pouring more money on it. Fourth, I sincerely believe the tax is regressive. Those people with the least ability to pay are paying a greater percentage of the support of government than rightfully they should. Whether a man is a millionaire or a man is near the poverty level, each man buys a quart of milk. Each man pays the same tax. That is regressive. That is putting an increased burden on those without the ability to pay and I know some in here will argue that the millionaire will buy steak and the man near the poverty level will buy hamburger and there is a certain element of truth in that but then we have to look at the proportion of the millionaire's budget that goes to food as compared to the proportion of the man near the poverty level's budget that goes to food and see that the man near the poverty level pays a greater percentage of his spendable income, a greater percentage of his spendable income for necessities of life, those things that he needs to survive than the person with high income. If you will recall the history of this and many of my colleagues here have been in the Legislature with me these past seven years and many longer. The first year it was just to bail them out of a unique situation and I think we all remember it, an unrecurrent circumstance, a situation that occurred at no fault of anybody's but if you just give us this subsidy one year, we will clean up our house, this will bail us out and we will go from there. And then we had to have a year extension and then another extension and now we are dealing with perpetuity. So I very strongly oppose this measure and I think a nonOmaha senator would have to look at this very seriously as to what you are asking your people, your constituents, those who have elected you to represent them, what you are going to cost them and the eroded state tax base, what you are going to cost them as far as goods and services they may purchase in the City of Omaha.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it is kind of interesting to me, and I hope that time won't be taken from me, it is interesting to me how some things work out in this Legislature when we talk about fairness, justice and so forth. I look at the priority bill system too and I see how often Senator DeCamp's name comes up on these various bills and I notice how coincidentally two of the trading stock