

...basis for funding state government? Are you playing fair with the persons who elected you to represent them in this legislative body when you cast your vote for LB 40? I am aware of why the series of bills has come up the way it has today. Most of the members of this legislative body are also aware. I continue to oppose LB 40 and I ask the members of this body to give a very serious thought before your vote is cast.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close on your amendment to the committee amendments? It has been on all the time. Do you want to talk again on it? All right, it is on the amendment to the committee amendments, amendment to the bill, I'm sorry.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we may as well get something straight here again. I am sent here by a group of people to do a job and I am going to do it. As long as there is breath in my body I am going to do what I was sent here to do and I am not going to be stopped by anybody. Now you can vote to crush the issues I support and you can vote for those issues that I am opposed to but you are not going to silence me and I am going to speak every time the rules allow me to speak when I feel like I should. Now, I am opposed to the amendment that Senator DeCamp is offering because it will lead to a situation where the sales tax in Omaha will be permanent. That is what they are interested in doing. They don't want an election by the people. They don't want this thing submitted. All they want to do is hurry you up to vote on this thing and make by your vote an illegitimate thing into a legitimate one. Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing? The Legislature cannot but it can try to give the appearance that something is clean. This is an unfair system that is in operation here today. There are a few people who when the rest of us are not around, have meetings and make deals and impose things on the rest of the body and the body goes along and accepts it because maybe some of the people at that meeting are going to help you make some of your bills move. How much can a bill mean to you? I think integrity, self-respect and dignity are more important than any individual piece of legislation passing and I think the system that we are operating under has been corrupted. It is like the Krugerrands, the fool's gold. They are now taking lead and coating it with gold and selling it as the real thing. Well the Krugerrand itself to me is tainted and now we have the fool's gold Krugerrand philosophy controlling the way bills are set in this Legislature. But I made reference to an issue in Omaha that I said was unfair to the community that I live in and it is not proper for me to just allude to it