

that what it did then was not correct. Although it had said that there would be no extension of sales taxes without a vote of the people, that decision has been changed. The Legislature pursuant to the desires of certain politicians in Omaha, politicians who have mismanaged the city's finances, these politicians have persuaded the Legislature to come down here and reverse itself, has persuaded the Legislature that those politicians were wrong the first time, wrong the second time but may be right this time. How many times will you allow yourselves to be bitten? At some point everybody should awaken. And I think the time for the Legislature to awaken is now. We must deal forthrightly with these issues. We must try to remain patient. We must show forbearance and we must give consideration. I have given the example before of a last meal for a condemned person. I realize what my efforts are going to produce in terms of changing minds but I am going to use everything available to me so that tomorrow I can look myself in the face and know that I did all that was within my power to stop this that is occurring now. That is what I must attempt to do and that is what I am attempting to do. And if this bill does move to Select File I am going to try again. If it gets to Final Reading I will try a third time. I will not quit. I will not be deterred. I know what my responsibility is and I know how to discharge it. What I think you ought to listen to with reference to what I am telling you now is that the motion I have up there that I am discussing at this time is not the last motion that I have. And the one that will follow this one is not the last one that I will have. And whatever strategems are attempted that may succeed on General File will not succeed at every stage of the consideration. And I think there are (machine malfunction, voice fades) who will look at the travesty being done here today and there are people who know that the sales tax is not a good thing. They don't have friends on the floor of the Legislature. They can't sit down with you to the table spread by the lobbyists, the lobbyists paid for by the taxes coerced from those people. But they will have a way of making their ire felt. Sometimes examples are wasted on politicians but they are not wasted on the people at large. When reasonable, rational discussion does not prevail, then the struggle must be moved to a different level and when that different level is reached by the people, then the level by which the government responds must be escalated accordingly. And when the government escalates its response to the people then the people escalate and become more ingenious in their means of circumventing the government's response. And before you know it you have a situation internally that you have externally. You have a situation where you are threatening Russia in the Persian Gulf in Russia's backyard where you cannot move troops. You do not have as