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add, Senator, you said it correctly, I should have said it, it extends the authority if a new city council, a new mayor, or an old mayor and an old city council decide they don't want to use that authority, they don't have to have that sales tax. All we are doing is, the Legislature is giving them the authority, it's up to them to decide whether they need that money or want to use it, so remember that.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you, John. Hello, okay, thank you, John. Now what we have got is two philosophies on this extension of the sales tax for the City of Omaha, one of which is the proposal that John is coming up with which is a straight extension until July 1, 1984, of the authority to levy it with no election, no nothing. We just do it down here. The other alternative we would have if this one was not acceptable to the body, would be that we could extend it say for one year and then, in fact, this one is hanging up there, extend it for one year and then let the people of Omaha vote on it. If they vote on it, it becomes a permanent extension of authority. So it's those two converging philosophies, or whatever you call them, that are going to have to be decided here today. You can't... in other words, there is not much sense in having both of them, you either go one way or you go the other way. As far as the amendment that is up there now, I will go along with it. It is literally...it's a case of bringing the thing back before us every so often. I don't really think we need to, but if that is the consensus of the body is to do it this way, that is fine with me. Let's do it.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, as Senator Goodrich basically outlined our alternative position, and my personal position is if the sunset gets on then I would urge Senator Goodrich with me to withdraw our amendment which would basically allow for it to run indefinitely. The sunset provision is one that I will support rather reluctantly because, frankly, the City of Omaha's financial condition is such that we may be in here about that same time looking for some other solution to our long-term problems. It is with great hesitation that I accept the sunset at all, except that I think that it might...Senator Peterson and others have indicated that it might help the bill along, and I guess at this point in time we have to deal with the political realities and not what would be preferable, and so I rise to support this sunset, but I