

April 8, 1981

LB 40

he did not run for reelection and it is well understood why. The predicament Omaha is in, he and the other members of the City Council are largely responsible for. Now I am still not going to vote for the bill because the people in my district are against it. But I think in all fairness to the new people on the City Council, I think they are going to be more conservative. I don't think they are going to allow a Parks and Recreation Director who is going to go out and buy golf carts and they don't even ask for his resignation when he does it in such a manner to buy them without putting them up for bid. I don't think the new City Council is going to come out with embossed stationery like the present City Council has. And if the gentleman I think is going to be elected Mayor is elected Mayor, I am sure he isn't going to come out with two-colored stationery with a very expensive rag content.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would remind you that we are still speaking to the Hoagland amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I am, Mr. Speaker. So what I would like to say is this, even though I am going to vote against LB 40 because the people in my district are opposed to it, I would support Senator DeCamp's amendment to have this run to 1984, or I would support Senator Hoagland's amendment to compromise so that the newly elected City Council, this sales tax would be sunset when the new City Council four years is up, which would be about 1985. So that is all I would like to say, except for....Senator Cullan, you mentioned the fact that the people in Omaha voted a bond issue for more parks and recreation. My apologies to members of the press, but if you lived in Omaha you would know the selling job that the World Herald does on those kind of things, and it is just another one of those cases where the people got sold a bill of goods. Thank you, Senators.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle. We are still speaking to the Hoagland amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I certainly object to the Hoagland amendment. I think even that July, 1983, is too long a time to be putting this forward. My main reason is that we are in the Revenue Committee going to make a desperate effort to get the so-called revenue sharing, 524, or whatever you want to call it, put together perhaps this summer and hopefully ready for next year's session. Now, if you are going to extend the Omaha sales tax to 1983, we are not going to have the pressure put on the Revenue Committee and the proponents of that type of legislation that we would have if they aren't in a bind. So that is the