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of Omaha's financial problems. They stated in there and it is in headlines that are rather large saying that Omaha could likely have come to the Legislature and asked for another half cent sales tax within a matter of a few years, or they would come to the Legislature and they would ask for an earnings tax. So that is going to happen, and I believe by giving Omaha a half a cent sales tax for the next two years without any guidelines is fair and reasonable. I also think it is fair and reasonable for them to come back here occasionally and say to those who are elected at large and by districts, we need help, will you help us one more time. When I look in the paper and I see remarks such as were printed in the paper the other day, and you have a copy in front of you, I didn't distribute it....

PRESIDENT: You have a half minute, Senator.

SENATOR KOCH:I get enough criticism from people without taking it from highly elected officials. I have often referred to this as a tunnel of wind but that is an inside joke. I have sometimes called it a zoo, but I have never stated it publicly. But when a high official of a great city refers to this body as a zoo and you have to take two to get one, I think he is rather naive. That is not the case here. We are not trading. We are looking at each issue on its own merit. All of us do that, and occasionally we compromise each other and I have done this with Senator Lamb and others because they have a point of view that I don't quite always understand but I am willing to take that risk because I respect his character and his reputation. I do that with each and every member of this body and so I am sorry that the high official of the metropolitan city referred to us in what I thought was a very undignified manner, yet I would say to him in good joke that sometimes good things happen at zoos and he hasn't always wanted to support that one in Omaha because sometimes animals have better instinct and act better than a lot of other people I know. I am going to support Senator Lamb, sunset it, half a cent, two more years. Let them come back and ask us again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I have been here this is starting the seventh year and I very seldom, if ever, have spoken about Omaha's sales tax. I want to support Senator Lamb's amendment, and if we can get at it at a shorter period of time, I would support such an amendment. I think too long we have been dictating to

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