

to shove it, and I don't use that kind of language. And then don't vote for that distribution plan that they want. You have enough votes to control things that happen here, but you tuck tail and run every time they threaten you, and that is why when you make the threat that you are going to work as a unified delegation, they don't believe you because they have seen you crumble too many times. So you ought to join as a solid phalanx even if it means losing the sales tax this year. Lose it, but lose it for fighting for what you thought was worth fighting for, and don't grovel any more. Let the line be drawn this moment, and don't you vote for any of these amendments, and fight for the bill. And I will tell you what I will do, because I think the dignity of the delegation is worth something, and if we can find some way to inspire the Senators from Douglas County to rally as a group and you would stick, then I would vote with you. If you will not compromise another bit on this bill, even though I don't like the sales tax, I think there is something far more significant at stake now and it is the representation that the city gets down here from the people who were sent here. Swallowing how I feel about the wrong that has been done the people that I represent by the officials of Omaha, I will vote with you on LB 40 if you reject every amendment and every compromise. And then if you will agree that if they don't vote for this bill, and when I say they, those from greater Nebraska or wherever they come from, you will not vote for any distribution formula that they come up with, and show them that you will be a force to be reckoned with as a unified phalanx in the way that they cower and intimidate you all the time. So I am opposing Senator Lamb's amendment admitting that I like it. I don't want the sales tax, but I would rather see the city have some kind of decent representation even if it means taking a reprehensible provision. I would rather see that than to watch day after day the cringing and the crawling and the begging, and the problem is you don't even get anything after you have done it. So I would advise all of the Senators from Omaha, if you are going to take a stand, to take it now. But I am not going to shilly shally. If you don't defeat Senator Lamb's amendment and then defeat Senator DeCamp's amendment, then I am going back over with the Senators from greater Nebraska and I am going to get my hand on the bull whip and lay it on you too because you get what you deserve. And if you won't flex your muscles and use the political power that you have since power politics is what is being played, then you deserve to be walked on like a doormat. And if you are going to put yourself down there, then I am going to add my sighs, whatever they are, on your hind end also.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.