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we are being held under control, that there is games being played. All I am asking is that we take LB 40 in its original form. I will vote against any amendments because I think the people of Omaha deserve a chance to vote on this issue. I even approve of some of the remarks that Senator Landis made. I don't approve of the fact that he is going to vote against the bill in the end, but I really and truly believe...and this reminds me of what happened to the Omaha city sales tax a couple years back when a motion was made to hold the Omaha city sales tax until the last day of the session. I had to stand up and say that if there was any decency or integrity left on the floor, we would defeat that motion because I felt at that time that it was being held for a reason. Again, I ask you, do not vote for any of the amendments. I want to see LB 40 with a chance to go across the board as it now stands. And as I said before, it isn't so much that I am standing here trying to support the present administration. We are going to have new leadership, maybe we can do away with it. I spoke to Senator Carsten a short time ago. If we have this study, it may come to the point where we will go into revenue sharing, where we will entirely do away with not only the half percent but the entire city sales tax. Up to that point, I urge you that Omaha wants to see this bill moved across in its present form, and I thank Senator Chambers for his remarks. I hate to think, and I am sure that many of you do think that LB 40 is being held hostage. I don't like the word, never did, and I urge you to vote against the amendments and let's give LB 40 a chance to go across the floor as it was originally introduced, and the people of Omaha will decide whether they want the half percent city sales tax or not. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, to break the tension I want to tell you three short stories, and they all kind of have a bearing after a fashion. The first little short story... now quit complaining back there, has to do with the greatest political wheeling, dealing, trading session in the history of the country. About two hundred and five or six years ago a group got together, they decided they wanted to come up with a Constitution. They had special interests here, special interests there, some 13 states or whatever it was. There was more vote trading, more trading of this and that than at any session on any floor of any Legislature ever since. In fact, one of the most prevalent examples, one of the most clear examples, was how we had the big states. The big states said, look, population is it. We've got the people we should have the representation. They got it,