

oppose this amendment. I feel like Senator Lamb and Senator Goodrich that we need to provide a long term solution to our problem and that problem is to try to attract new industry to the State of Nebraska. With our Department of Economic Development in the State of Nebraska working to attract new industry, new manufacturing to the state, we need to work on a long term basis, not just on two or three or a four year basis. And it is true, if this body sees fit in a few years to discontinue this, it only takes 25 votes in this Chamber to change that. But I say to you here this afternoon, let's go ahead and pass this bill without the sunset provision, and see what we can do with it. I am sure that we can attract many new industries, new manufacturing plants that will provide additional jobs to our employees here in the State of Nebraska. I urge you to vote down the Newell amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I, too, rise in opposition to Senator Newell's amendment. The reason I oppose Senator Newell's amendment is because I think that my colleagues, Senators Hefner and Lamb, have made some excellent points, and the points that they have made very simply is that if you provide a special tax provision which someone will rely on for a relatively lengthy period of time, then that provision ought not to be sunsetted. Now, Senator Lamb and Senator Hefner, what you said about this sunset provision is equally applicable to the Omaha half-cent sales tax that you want to sunset. We, in Omaha, are as entitled to rely on the continuation of that half-cent sales tax authorization as manufacturers are to rely on the continued existence of this exemption. I am going to vote against Senator Newell's amendment. I am confident that the two of you plus any others who have thought about sunsetting the Omaha half-cent sales tax will likewise now vote against any attempt to put a sunset provision into the Omaha half-cent sales tax authorization bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to close?