

all the debates began. We are confronted with the prospect now of warring factions within the Legislature and I was sitting upstairs in my office listening to the debate earlier and I watch how things go full circle in the Legislature. You can take the sales tax for Omaha, Senator DeCamp offered the bill in a certain form. There were a thousand amendments to it but when it came right around to time for passage, what happened, the bill passed the way it was introduced. Some of us know that a certain number of hoops are going to be jumped through but we know what the outcome is from the beginning. Now we are talking about a bill which has been mutilated, stretched, twisted and various members who are not conversant with how things are done in the Legislature actually thought that the efforts being put forth meant something. When the whole show comes to an end and the curtain falls, you are going to find not too much difference between what started out and what the final product is. So what I would say is that those who voted for Senator Newell's proposition ought to vote against the one that Senator DeCamp is offering. That is the only alternative that you have. We are not talking now about an issue where there are two valid sides to the question and those sides of what we are considering. We are talking about who is going to win the struggle on the floor of the Legislature. LB 882, Senator Schmit, was one of the worst things this Legislature ever did. The Governor was whipped into signing something that he knew was unconstitutional. Now we confront a bill where the Governor said, I read the other day, that he hopes the Legislature won't put something unconstitutional on his desk. Why not, he will sign it anyway. Senator Schmit, you can whip him into signing it. He is not strong or decisive, so what he is really doing is pleading with you to give him a break and don't make him do this thing because it will be embarrassing. It is embarrassing if he signs it. It is embarrassing if he doesn't sign it. We don't have leadership over there in that office, so that is why I say it is a battle being fought on the floor of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in order that this simmering kettle might cool a bit and we will have an opportunity to review the two propositions that really are before us, I hope that those 24 people who voted for Senator Newell's proposition will vote against what Senator DeCamp is offering. That means that 284 will stay right where it is, then we will have time to consider the two