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SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Howard Peterson would move to amend the bill by adding "all first class cities."

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, this is an amendment that I told the people in Lincoln that I would likely add to the bill. It seems to me that if we are going to allow Omaha and Lincoln to have the privilege of voting on whether they're going to have another half cent which we did with Omaha last year, which we're doing with Lincoln this year, then those first class cities who have one cent presently or those that have none ought to have the same opportunity. We've got the provision in the law and it seems it is only equity that we would allow the same thing to happen in any communities where we have the sales tax at the present time. That is the reason for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, do you want to talk on the amendment? This is on the Peterson amendment. All right. Senator Nichol, did you want to talk on the Peterson amendment?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think we can already do that.

SENATOR CLARK: Not the additional half cent.

SENATOR NICHOL: Oh, this is for an additional half cent, if that.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay then, I don't want to speak to the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit. I'm going to ask these people if they want to speak to the Peterson amendment. Senator Haberman, Senator Beutler, Senator Lamb, Senator Koch, Senator Warner, Senator Marsh, to the Peterson amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is my understanding this issue was not part of the bill in the public hearing. I would not be in favor. With seventeen days remaining, adding this, having it sent back to committee and there is no other fair way to handle it. I am in favor of having the people of Lincoln have the added option of choosing which way they want to go, increased