

property taxes or increased sales taxes. My own personal choice was not to increase the sales tax but as I have visited in a number of meetings across our city the citizens overwhelmingly have indicated that they would prefer this rather than increased property taxes. Therefore, I would like to see the City of Lincoln have the same option which Omaha has. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labedz, on the Peterson amendment. All right. There is no further debate on the Peterson amendment. Senator Peterson, would you like to close?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would just state again in answer to Senator Marsh, that this was discussed at the time we had the hearing before the committee. I told them it was likely that I would add this amendment on the floor and I just believe that since we have one cent already in the statutes for first class cities that if we're going to put another half cent on for the City of Lincoln it is only fair that we do the same thing for first class cities. They have the right to vote it in just like Lincoln would.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Peterson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on the Peterson amendment? We're voting on the Peterson amendment to the bill. A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of a Call of the House will vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All senators will return to their seats, please, and check in. Only two excused at the present time. Will everyone check in, please. Senator Burrows, will you check in, please. Senator Duda, Senator Wiitala, Senator Hefner, Senator Newell. Senator Beutler, would you check in, please. Senator Wagner. We are looking for Senator Goll, Senator VonMinden, Senator Newell, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, is Senator Higgins excused? We are looking for Senator Higgins then also. I will have the Clerk read what we are voting on before we take a roll call vote. The Clerk will read the amendment we're voting on and then we'll have a roll call vote.

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