

communities the same. That is the reason I offered the amendment. I would urge you to defeat the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do want to ensure that Senator Peterson gets a chance to react. I'll tell you where I am at on this amendment by Senator Vickers. The City of Lincoln has made a case to the Revenue Committee. We took all of our people down there, let them cross-examine them, let them make a case for 591 for the City of Lincoln. We have had a public hearing on 591 and primary class cities, Lincoln of course, came down and made that showing. Now at that public hearing Senator Peterson was very clear and very direct in his questioning indicating that he was going to make this attempt. But, there is a distinguishing feature between first class cities and primary class cities and that is that the primary class cities have been down here making their case. I want to tell you that those of you who I have talked to about 591 are free to decide for yourself, regardless of what you may have told me about 591, to do as you wish on this amendment. I'm hoping that we will not endanger 591 by the adoption of this amendment. In other words if there are those of you who intend to support 591 in its original form, but in the event this amendment is adopted will not continue to support the policy then I hope you will oppose the Peterson amendment. For myself however, I am prepared to support the Peterson amendment. I am prepared to support this policy and its extension to its logical conclusion which is that cities that have large financial and fiscal budgets and are looking for alternatives in the days of the new federalism should have this alternative and in the event they are willing to ask their people for this authority that this option should be a viable one. Please decide for yourself but in doing so it is my fervent hope that this amendment is not the difference between 591 successful passage or its demise. I think the line has to be drawn reasonably and I'm prepared to support the Peterson amendment and its continuation. But if it is going to turn the tide of the body, then I hope that you will support Vickers in this and strike the amendment. On the other hand if generally speaking you can support this policy, you are free to do as you wish. I intend to maintain the Peterson amendment on 591 with my own vote.

SENATOR KAHLE PRESIDING

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