

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Koch. Senator Peterson, Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would call the question.

SENATOR KAHLE: There are no more lights so we will vote on the. . . Oh, Senator Vickers would like to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman and members, I just want to read to you from the committee statement that is in your bill book, in the front of this bill. The proponents were four people, Senator Landis, Mayor Boosalis, the Finance Director and the Director of Transportation of the City of Lincoln. We were told that the. . . at the committee hearing people were asked about the expansion of it to first class cities. I don't see anything in there about where there was anybody at that hearing representing first class cities. Not even anybody from the League of Municipalities was there, according to the committee statement. Now I might be wrong, maybe the committee statement wasn't right. But, if there was anybody other than the members of the committee that were representing first class cities, I certainly don't see it. Also I would remind you of what it says down at the bottom about the summary or purpose. LB 591 authorizes the city of the primary class to increase its existing city sales and use tax by one-half percent. It doesn't say one word about first class cities or any other cities. Now if our integrity means anything as far as introduction of bills and a public hearing on those bills, then I suggest to you that if we are going to expand it in this matter out here on the floor that I can think of a whole lot of issues that we could introduce out here on the floor and do about any damn thing we wanted to do without having a public hearing on anything, if that is what this body chooses to do. But, if we do, I suggest that we are doing our constituents and everybody in the State of Nebraska a real big disservice. So I suggest that in order to prevent that type of a precedent from being set and from doing them such a great disservice that we do send this bill back to committee in order to give those cities of the first class an opportunity to respond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, would. . . we are voting on the Vickers amendment which would send the bill, 591, back to committee. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Please vote, I'm sure that we would all like to get this issue settled before lunch.