

want to say once more, and I have discussed it just briefly with Senator Landis, that at some point and time and not on General File, I may offer some version of LB 968 or 964 to be attached to this bill. I want you to be aware of that and I hope that you would consider it. Thank you very much.

SENATOR KAHLE: The next name on the list is Senator Haberman. Do you wish to speak any more on the issue? He passes. Senator Beutler. He waives. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, two serious objections to the bill. Number one, the administration has said that it is not necessary at this time. I see no reason to authorize this tax when it is really not necessary, admittedly not necessary. Number two, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce opposes the bill. I think that is very significant in this time when we are in a financial crisis all over the country and all over the state, the Chamber recognizes the fact that raising the tax is not the way to generate new business. For those two reasons I would ask that the bill be defeated.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, before we go to the next speaker we do have 16 students from the North Bend School. This is in Lowell Johnson's district. The teacher is Mrs. Gruber. They are in the north balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. Please welcome these people. The next name I have is Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A question of Senator Landis if he would yield.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Landis, do you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Landis, in your opening remarks yesterday, I'm trying to recall those, but the question to you is, when you were talking about how this money could be used, you talked about bonds, the cost of bonds. Are you inferring that this sales tax could be used to retire those bonds?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, Senator Koch. My purpose in discussing bonds was to show to pay for infrastructure improvements by bonds can be very, very expensive and paying as you go is much more economical, we want the ability to pay as we go, that is why we want the bill.