

here, and some other reasons. There isn't any doubt in my mind that within the next three to five years we are going to broaden the tax base on sales tax to include services and some other items probably. At the same time probably food will be exempt. But in any event, when that occurs, because of the 1% there will be an automatic windfall to those governmental subdivisions to have the 1% of increased revenue. To further broaden that windfall by adding another ½% now I think would be unwise. Basically my position is that...either the sales or income tax has a maximum rate that is acceptable, as does property tax. As we give away that base by increasing the rate locally, it just defers that time period if not eliminate it entirely that the state would be able to utilize the sales tax as long as we have existing law to raise revenue for state responsibilities or for other aid programs, for that matter, for other governmental subdivisions than cities. If 916 was law and the sales tax was dedicated totally aid, then I don't know that I would have a particular, if any, opposition to authorizing or expanding local cities to issue a sales tax, because then they are competing with one another, that is aid governmental subdivisions are competing with one another for funds. As... (interruption.)

SENATOR KAHLE: You have about 30 seconds, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: ...as a source of state income, I will not support expanding it at this time.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, I call the question.

SENATOR KAHLE: Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of...those who wish to cease debate vote aye, those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Kahle voting yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Debate is ceased. Senator Landis, would you like to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I have just checked with the Clerk's desk. There are eight that are formally excused. If you look around the room right now it is easy to tell that there are at least ten and perhaps as many as twelve of us that are not here because of lunch hour commitments. It is not fair for the City of Lincoln to be held captive because of stomachs growling. I will exercise my good faith not to exhibit any debate at