

on cigarettes or anything that they purchase at the base. Now living in Omaha I know this is true, that there are friends of people at the base that will be asking them to obtain cigarettes from them from the Commissary and not pay the city or the state any sales tax or any cigarette tax to the state. Eighteen cents per pack or eighteen cents tax per pack if this bill goes through does not include the 4.5% sales tax that we pay in Omaha. On an eighty cent package of cigarettes that is an additional 3.6 cents. So you add eighteen plus the 3.6, it is 21.6 cents per pack that we will be paying or otherwise about \$2.20 a carton for tax for the State of Nebraska and some of that of course to the City of Omaha or the City of Lincoln. But let me assure you because the base is so close and Iowa is so close, I have neighbors now that tell me they go over to Council Bluffs to buy their groceries. Groceries are cheaper there. The sales tax is cheaper. There is no sales tax on food. They fill up their gas tank. They will buy their cigarettes and they will buy their groceries and come back to Omaha. There will be bootlegging done at Offutt Air Force Base. There will absolutely be no sales tax and no Nebraska tax on a package of cigarettes that is purchased at the base. Thank you very much. The reason we don't receive any sales tax or cigarette tax from the base is because it is federal property. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease, that is the question. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased and Senator Carsten will close.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think that probably Senator Johnson's passout that he gave to you tells the story quite plain. I would hope that you would take a look at that before you vote. I do think that as far as bootlegging is concerned, it has been frankly admitted that bootlegging now is in operation and I don't think that it makes much difference, another four cents is going to increase that tremendous amount and you always find that on the fringe areas of a state that possibility and that activity. We were so worried, some were so worried about the gas tax and I don't believe that we are severely being hurt by going across the borders for gas. Relative to