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that Senator Warner is offering now, then when the bill comes up to give Lincoln some additional taxing authority, then I think we are going to find out really how much their constituents want to have a double tax placed on them or the possibility of that double tax in one year. Remember, Omaha's tax is 3 cents now based on the existing state tax. Omaha has levied an additional cent and a half which makes it 4 1/2 cents. This extra half will make it 5 cents on the dollar. When you have to go to the store and determine whether you can buy a loaf of bread or buy a carton of milk or any of the other things that cannot be considered luxury items, I think you have put the people in a country as wealthy as this one in an untenable position. There is no need in talking about the highest standard of living in the world when there are people in this country who cannot afford to buy the essentials. So what I would like to see happen is the defeat of Senator Warner's amendment. Later on today or whenever we talk about the Lincoln sales tax, I would like to see that bill amended to take away the taxing authority of all cities of any class. If that is done, then the state can come back and try to get its half percent, because for the people who live in Omaha it would be giving up a cent and a half that they pay now and having to pay only a half a cent. So it would mean a net gain of one percent. And I am telling you when your budget is slim, you have to concentrate all the time to figure how to make the money you get at the first of the month last to the last of the month. These taxes that exist on food and utilities do mount up. So I am opposed to the proposition and I hope that it will not be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to take this opportunity at this time to introduce some guests of Senator Sieck. In fact he is up there in the north balcony with them. Twelve students, the Government class from Benedict High, Benedict. Bud Exstrom is their instructor. Up here in the north balcony. Welcome, Benedict, to your Unicameral. The next speaker is Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, I know it is a difficult decision. I was just talking to Senator Wagner and I could foretell this was going to occur sometime in the future of this state, and what always bothers me is the same thing Senator Chambers just alluded to a moment ago. We come from a metropolitan area which has a 4 1/2 cent sales tax. I don't mind paying the sales tax because if I can afford to buy the things then I can afford to pay the sales tax, but what has always bothered me is when we have to put it on utilities and on food because in many cases people who are on limited incomes this is a severe