

in the same bill but then plus the fact that in the seven towns that already levy a sales tax, you are going to virtually bankrupt these towns, for example, Omaha, Lincoln, Bellevue, North Platte, Lewellen, Ogallala and Sidney. From Bellevue, North Platte, Lewellen, Ogallala and Sidney all levy one percent. This would automatically take one-half of that away from them. It would cost the City of Bellevue \$640,000. North Platte, it would cost them \$850,000; Lewellen, \$10,000; Ogallala, \$250,000; Sidney, \$182,000. You take that kind of a revenue source away from these towns and you're in deep trouble with the town. Now, Omaha and Lincoln. Omaha would lose \$11 million worth of revenue, Lincoln \$5 million worth of revenue. Then I conclude with this one observation. If you take the half cent sales tax away from the urban areas you are automatically reducing by one-third or \$500,000, the revenue to the State of Nebraska. As you all know the state receives that money. They charge 3% fee on handling that money. That amount is \$1,463,000 revenue to the state. You would automatically be wiping out one-third of that or about \$500,000 worth of revenue to the State of Nebraska. This is something, for example, that you are going to place seven cities in deep trouble and then by virtue of the fact that the Peterson amendment that went on, Howard Peterson amendment went on authorizing the first class cities to levy that tax, would automatically cut that back. So you're giving it to them on one hand, you're taking it away from another hand and how do you accomplish anything that way? I strongly urge you not to adopt this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I'd call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in support of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

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

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, until Senator Goodrich spoke I thought there was only one city of the metropolitan class in Nebraska but he told me just now there are seven so I'd like to ask him a question. Senator Goodrich, I thought those seven you named were the seven dwarfs but now you're telling me that they