

are of the metropolitan class. Did you mean to say that as a matter of fact?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I didn't say metropolitan class cities. I said there were seven cities that levy the tax. Now you know for example as well as I do that you have not distributed this amendment to anybody so that we can see what it says.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, that is why I had asked that it be read but the paper that I did hand out stated specifically that it deals with the Omaha sales tax, that it is a replay of the amendment that I offered earlier and the Clerk did read the amendment and it specifically said, "a city of the metropolitan class." You know that I am talking about Omaha. I stated Omaha throughout all of my discussion. Even with the proposition that Senator Landis is trying to get passed, perhaps these cities if they were granted the authority to levy a tax, might not do so if they become aware that the state has added a half percent to the sales tax anyway. But none of Senator Goodrich's remarks dealt with the amendment that I am offering. It limits itself to cities of the metropolitan class. There is only one such city in the state and that city is Omaha. Omaha is the city with a 4½% sales tax and that is what I am limiting the amendment to. I live in Omaha. I represent the best interests of the people in Omaha and if I'm not, there is a way that they can deal with me but the issue before us this evening is the one that I have presented to you in my amendment and I hope that you will adopt it. It deals only with cities of the metropolitan class which means only Omaha. So those people in Bellevue, Grand Island and every other city that Senator Goodrich mentioned, this amendment does not pertain to your city at all and I am hoping that you will adopt it. But because of the lateness of the hour and the fact that people have other things to do, I'm going to ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote so that a lot of time won't be wasted resolving this issue.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is, shall the House go under Call. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The House is under Call. Will all legislators please record your presence. All unauthorized personnel leave the floor. Senator Newell, Senator Schmit, Senator DeCamp, Senator Chronister, Senator Vickers, Senator Marsh and Senator Higgins. Senator Marsh, would you record your presence, please. We're looking for Senator Vickers and Senator Higgins. Shall we begin the roll call, Senator?