

a termination date originally of July 1, 1983. The Omaha sales tax originally had the termination of July 1, 1983. Why? Because we wanted that pressure to say that in the 1983 legislative session you would, as a legislature, look at the whole tax system and come up with something. Okay, why Omaha sales tax? It was an emergency measure to raise five and ten million dollars that they desperately needed. In fact, it raised twelve million dollars and in fact, did you know they had a surplus of three or four million, whatever it was. Under this bill alone they are going to get this year additional money another six million that they had never contemplated or anticipated. So, it is most reasonable that this emergency measure and restoring of the tax base to the state would occur. That is reasonable and fair and that was originally in the legislation of the Omaha sales tax, if you remember, that was in there. In fact, Omaha had accepted it. Had agreed to it and that is the way we were going. So I repeat. Existing law says, Senator Carsten by January 1, 1983 you and your committee will bring us the tax plan, the new tax plan for the state. This just says, on July 1, this system that we have got right now, this 70 million, the Omaha sales tax additional amount of Omaha sales tax, the half cent, that terminates. That means for sure we know that by January, Cal is going to have the plan here and the pressure is on to solve it next year. Now, I believe that it is eminently fair. I really do. I repeat that it was in the original Omaha sales tax bill. It was in the original 70 million bill. It is existing law now that they bring in this new tax proposal by January 1, 1983. I believe that it is, so to speak, the one thing the urbans can do to signify some honor and integrity in this matter to say, yes, we are working on a rewrite of a tax system as Senator Newell and others have stated and yes, we understand what we have got now is a one year deal until that is completed by the Revenue Committee and we agree come July 1, 1983, this will terminate and whatever we do in January will be the guiding thing. I urge your support and adoption of the amendment. Suggest that that would be somewhat fair and honest in light of everything else.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle, do you want to talk on the amendment? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I know that Senator DeCamp is not doing this for any vindictive purpose. It seems like that but I'm sure that is not his motivation or his desire. I know that Senator DeCamp meant