

have pretty well adopted its budget or they should if the Congress doesn't take too long again and by November the people will have a very clear idea of where the city is, where the federal government is and they will already have known where the state government is and be able to assess whether or not they want to have an increase in their city sales tax. If they decide to tax themselves an additional half cent sales tax then I think that is a decision they should be allowed to make. I can't say at this point whether that would receive support or not, whether I would support it or not. All I can say is I have faith in the people and I have faith that they will vote in the best interests of the city. Now I know that there has been a lot of talk about the relation between this bill and 816 and concerns about vote trading, what have you. All I can say is I know several of you have talked to me about support for this bill being contingent on my support for other legislation. I have always turned down those requests. I don't think vote trading is appropriate in this situation and if it means the loss of this bill then I think the integrity of this body is more important than the passage of this legislation. I felt that from the time it was introduced. I feel bad that some people would take that action though, will try to link legislation like this and try and use it against us but I'm telling you it is not going to work. As I said, I am a reluctant supporter and I do feel that the people of the City of Lincoln will vote in the best interests of the city and that is why I am...

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: ...willing to support the legislation but to kill this bill at this point and not allow that vote and allow other first class cities the opportunity to decide for themselves what to do in this area doesn't make a whole lot of sense. I ask your opposition to the kill motion.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

SENATOR LAMB: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. Those who wish to cease debate vote aye, those opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate is ceased. Senator Kahle to close.