

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, if I have some time left Senator Schmit would like to help me with the closing. First, on Senator Marsh's statement that we should let the people of Lincoln decide, I think they would be mighty foolish not to vote for a half cent sales tax even with Senator Sleck's figures which I question somewhat. 7% of that income would come from outside of the city. So I think personally it is more than that. Another thing, I am glad Senator Landis mentioned that I opposed the sales tax situation ever since we started. In fact, I have been against it for six years now, to allow cities to have a sales tax, so I don't know where he is coming from. He is certainly not talking to me when I am trying to get even. I don't like what happened with 816 but that is another issue. I don't like what happened to 816 but I hate the idea that cities can take the taxing ability away from the State of Nebraska. So I hope that doesn't hold water, at least in my case. I just cannot believe that we should allow, especially the capital city of our state, to tax its citizens when they come in here because they have to, not because they want to. So I hope you will vote for the return of LB 591 and that we can put it off at least for another year to see what our economy is going to do. With that I relinquish the rest of my time to Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Kahle. It is rather amazing, I would guess, that there are people here today who represent the City of Lincoln and represent the city well who would express shock and dismay that there might be some tinge of retribution involved in the opposition to LB 591. It is especially amazing that it comes from my young friend, Senator Wesely, who rose in righteous indignation I guess last Wednesday night at something like eleven forty-five to offer a motion to override a veto of a bill designed to block an effort by several of us to bringing about consideration for additional bills, some of which of course had no interest to Senator Wesely and of course at this time he expresses his concern that there might be just a tinge of retribution. Let me suggest that under LB 816 I believe Lancaster County gains only about \$500,000. They would pick up about \$2 million I believe from a half cent sales tax and I am not tied to those figures. I think we have to recognize as we saw here on the floor when it was necessary to raise the sales tax to 3.5%, the concern that was expressed by the residents of the larger cities because of the fact it would raise their taxes to 5%. I think we have to recognize that we have required frugality on the part of state employees, required on the part of many other portions of government and I do not believe at this time it is good business to support the passage of LB 591. I remember well the times that I have