

supported those bills in the past on an emergency basis only to find that they become permanent and once they become firmly established in the budgets of those cities, then we are faced with what we hear time after time, we can't afford to do without the funds. Let me suggest to you that it will be extremely difficult for many of us to go back to seventy-one rural counties and explain to those counties that they must do without, in some cases as much as 60% of the funds they formerly received from the personal property tax fund.

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I want to ask you to, as Senator Landis has said, judge the bill on its merits, vote it up or down on that basis and I think that on that basis you can vote with a clear conscience and I do not believe the bill will pass.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Kahle, you have about forty seconds.

SENATOR KAHLE: I really don't need that. I hope you will vote for the return of the bill but I would ask that we check in and get a roll call vote on this issue.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is to return the bill for a specific amendment. A roll call vote has been requested. Please record your presence. We are looking for Senator Burrows, Senator Warner, Senator DeCamp. Would the Sergeant at Arms get all the senators in their seats, please. Senator Goodrich, Senator DeCamp. We are waiting for Senator DeCamp. Please begin the roll call.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote as found on pages 1963-1964 of the Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return LB 591 to Select File for a specific amendment. That amendment would be as follows: "Add the following section: Any city of the metropolitan class shall reduce its sales and use tax by one-half of one percent."

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, there are many forces swirling in the legislative chamber this morning and those of us who are part of the Legislature know what some of those forces are. There is a certain arrogance that comes with power and if one group, one individual, whether you call it a coalition or a dictator can impose his