

a very good job of holding down their expenditures and they have a beautiful city notwithstanding that but the point I make now is once you establish that amount of money in the budget it becomes extremely difficult to take it out and although we know that there are some needs out there and some concerns, if we allow the additional half cent it is going to work as a significant deterrent to the city in the future and I would hope you would not pass the bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can't help but be reminded of the sales tax for Omaha, and I can remember what the caboose was. The deal was made it was a Vet College for a half cent for Omaha and you all know that so let's get back and set the record straight. Now let's get back to 591. Mr. Chairman, oftentimes in here lately I wonder whether or not we are talking to DeCamp's amendment or we are talking about on other things. Senator DeCamp is proposing that we say to Omaha within a year you are going to have to get along without a half cent of sales tax. That is the issue. That is what we ought to dwell on. I want to remind you of something else. The Mayor of Omaha was on television the other day and I am going to get even with him because I didn't have a chance to respond. He says, well, Ralston is in our plan. Yet in Urban Affairs this year I wanted to maintain the integrity of Ralston, the Mayor says not as long as I am Mayor. I think it is rather interesting though when he says tell the Senator that represents that district that it is under our plan along with Regency. Well, if that is true, Mayor Boyle, then next year I am going to come back with a bill to try to maintain the integrity of the City of Ralston. It deserves to live as much as Omaha does. I don't like the Mayor telling me one thing in Urban Affairs and telling me another thing on television. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm going to support this move and I want to serve notice, not just to the members of the Legislature, but to whoever is interested that removing the sales tax has become almost a mission with me I've trying to abolish the death penalty and this is the start of a campaign to repeal at least a portion of the sales tax in Omaha. It is a start as far as I am concerned. The session may terminate because we have completed sixty days but I have many days between now and January and I will be doing much work. This is merely the first step in that direction. I think that what Senator DeCamp's motion, and by the way, I cosigned it because I believe in it. What I think it will