

City of Omaha, we want to take this money that you would normally receive in sales, we want to take that from you so we can help purchase an idea. I don't see any difference...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...in that procedure than saying to Nebraska, okay, we're not going to take it from you on the sales side, we'll take it on the appropriations side. I fail to see the difference with the exception of one, at least we're not setting a tax exemption.

SENATOR LINDSAY: What I was driving at in my comments was that we could tax the 200,000, have them pay the 200,000 in and Joslyn could come back in and request an appropriation of 200,000. Next year they could come in and say, well, we got 200,000 last year, how about...we need 250,000 this year? Once appropriations start, I think there is...you have a precedent then for additional appropriations.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would the senator feel that there is not any precedent being set in other entities, other organizations that make large purchases, that they too would like to have an exemption of sales tax, they too could argue that it was of educational value for the arts? This is not setting a precedent on the sales tax side?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, I haven't gotten yet to the precedent on the sales tax. I'm dealing only with the appropriations question. And I'm certain...I can't argue with you, that there is a precedent on the sales tax side and I'll get...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Thank you. Senator Elmer is pleased to announce that he has some guests in the north balcony. We have 15 high school students from Alma High School in Alma, Nebraska. Please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad you're here. Senator Labedz, would you care to discuss the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR LABEDZ: No. Thank you, Mr. President, I stand strongly in opposition of the indefinitely postponement of LB 705. I'm checking on it now, but I can't seem to very quickly get an answer on it, but I'm wondering if the Henry Doorly Zoo would buy an elephant and put it on display, and beings I'm nonpartisan I'll also say a donkey, and put it on display,