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it back when we did LR 21CA as well, but that is why we need LR 11. It is the best tool I think right now that we can give our small cities and our small villages to pursue other avenues of economic growth, and we all know that in this state that is crucial, that is perhaps the number one priority of most communities out there is to figure out how to pursue some kind of economic growth. So with that introduction, I would ask you to advance LR 11 today and leave the floor for other comment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce the doctor of the day, which I guess we haven't done so far today. He is from Senator Rod Johnson's District. It is Dr. Clarence Davis of Osceola, Nebraska. Would you please stand, Doctor, under the north balcony. Dr. Davis, we again appreciate your services for the day. I know you have been here before and we appreciate it. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have something.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the resolution. (See AM3045 on page 1403 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. The amendment is very simple. It is very easy to understand. All it does is this, it strikes cities of the metropolitan class from having the ability through LR 11CA to basically levy taxes for the purpose of economic development. It is all it does. I have traditionally been an opponent of proposals such as LR 11CA, and continue to be so. I was the only member of the Urban Affairs Committee who did not vote to advance the bill out of committee or the accompanying bill, LB 1229. The purpose on my part for striking, basically, the City of Omaha from the bill is that the City of Omaha does not need this. If you look at the committee amendments to LB 1229, the committee amendments reduce the amount of money that can be raised in this area to \$1 million for any city other than Lincoln and Omaha, and it allows Lincoln and Omaha to raise \$3 million in this area through the purposes of a taxing authority, whether it be property or sales tax. And the reason I say that the City of Omaha does not need it is because the City of Omaha about ten years ago now, it was 1980, when the Omaha Development