

the City of Omaha.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: We talk a lot about the mall. We talk a lot about the Riverfront development, but those projects are very, very expensive. They have yet to be paid off. ParkFair is in the same situation. It may very likely never pay off. I would urge adoption of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I have many lights on. I would like to know now from you how many wish to speak on the Hall amendment. First of all, Senator Hartnett, on the Hall amendment, followed by Senator Schellpeper, and Senator Peterson. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, and members of the body, I think for the moment I rise to oppose the Hall amendment. Senator Hall serves on the Urban Affairs Committee with myself and one of the things that he did...we did have originally 4/10ths of 1 percent of actual value and that left Omaha with megabucks to do for economic development, and we did cut it down to \$3 million. And I think possibly the place to do this is maybe on the enabling legislation, the other bill, rather than to put it into the Constitution. And so for that reason, I simply rise, I think maybe the place, that is we simply leave the bill...the constitutional amendment as it is and simply strike, if we want to do that, if the body wants to do that, to strike it out of the enabling legislation.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Peterson and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. I also rise to oppose Senator Hall's amendment. If we are going to have a program that is going to help our Nebraska cities, we need to have it for all of our cities, whether they are large or small. I think this is a good program but we can't just have it for just the small cities. My district, I have 13 small towns, and I think if it is good for them, it will also be good for Omaha and Lincoln and I think it is a program that we need to have for everyone. So I would oppose the Hall amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk.