

voting either way. I know that my people, and most of them feel that this is another tool for expansion. I appreciate Senator Hillman's comments on infrastructure. If we don't keep our infrastructure up and helping our communities, we will have more troubles down the road. On the other hand, I look at it as LB 775 benefits. We keep plucking one feather out of the duck to help one, maybe, business. I look at this as pitting one business against another business. How can you expect the, I will say, the local repair some type of machinery, railroad car lines, whatever it is, tank cars, if you subsidize them, and a new power line or a new water-sewer line, you are putting him, that person that is subsidizing that tax, in direct competition. So, again, my people at home are looking at LB 775. Our tax dollars are supporting it. It certainly is not flowing to my area, and they are becoming wiser and wiser in that respect. I look at Lincoln a few years ago. They added a half cent sales tax, and I remember, it was just shortly thereafter, and I stand to be corrected, if I am wrong, but Lincoln's tax went up 11 percent. It did a lot of good to add that half cent sales tax. I think, and I know there is a crowding situation and so on, I think the schools absorbed that right away. Grand Island passed a one cent sales tax last year. If I heard anything at my coffee last Saturday, tell us exactly what it did? Of course, people always look at the expenditure for something else that I don't need or want as being not needed and so on. So I am having a real problem. We have enough problem in our communities, the tri-city areas in competition for business. I look at it as maybe giving the Grand Island people another benefit over the small community of Doniphan or the community of Wood River to attract industry. My industrial foundation asked me, and I know that they...I think want me to support the bill. When I explained to them what it did and I told them you won't get anything out of this bill, if you think my people at home are going to in Grand Island vote for anything that is a tax increase or that may be promoted. We tried to get a civic center. It went down. Whatever it is that you try to build and go to a vote of the public, so I guess it probably will not effect my constituents because I don't look at my community of ever using this because the support of the people probably would not be there. And smaller communities, it is a different situation. So, I, too, I suppose should vote for the bill but I am having great reservations that we are doing the right thing, and I think we are just increasing taxes down the line, and making unfair competition between one community and the other. But in smaller rural communities, this may be the point that