

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Senator Ashford, can you do anything with a minute or not? I would give my time to Senator Hartnett.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Right now when we have sales tax, the cities or local subdivisions, would they get some from this or would this be just all into the state government?

SENATOR HALL: No, anything that would be subject to sales tax at the state level would be subject to sales tax at the local level.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So they would get some revenue from this.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Ashford, you're next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I had a lot of thoughts go through my head when this was proposed. I guess one of the frustrations I've had with my friends in the legal profession is that their absolute inability to see the necessity of expanding the tax base to the services that are provided by attorneys. I know I have a lot of friends who practice law in South Dakota and their services are taxed. Once the system has been put into place, it has worked without too much trouble. I think Senator Landis said it best and that is that we need to resolve this matter and the sales tax on service issue is one that needs to be resolved in the State of Nebraska. I feel very strongly that we need to broaden the tax base and break this barrier. If we are really going... I notice half the body is out in the lobby now, but I hope that we can come back here and make a reasoned decision because we really need as a Legislature to listen to the people...

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.)