

revenue measure, and that's clearly what it is,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...it is a revenue measure, there would be hue and cry from the citizens. That has not taken place.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I just want to mention one point, Senator Morrissey asked me a question. It is about the fact that Senator Horgan's amendment goes to Section 14, whatever, that relates to metropolitan class cities, and my amendment was on his bill. What the bill drafters should do is appropriately place that language about the vote in the appropriate section of statute that it relates to, which is cities of the metropolitan class. However, in the provision that Senator Horgan has offered, on page 18, there is a discussion, there is an amending of Section 14-1108, and at the tail end of it, it talks about this fee that they are talking about being one which may lawfully, which the city may lawfully be entitled to charge and collect. That amendment relative to the vote means that they can only lawfully collect this fee if they have a vote of the people. But what I want to deal with is something that I talked to the senators yesterday, and it is similar to what Senator Hall has been saying, only mine is blunter and more direct in terms of unfairness of the city. In the amendment that Senator Horgan is offering, at the bottom of page 12, and going onto page 13, it talks about the responsibility of the city to "provide for the removal of dangerous buildings, to provide that buildings damaged by fire, decay, or otherwise, above the foundation be torn down or removed." That is in the provision of law that already exists and Omaha does not do that in the area where I live and where other poor people live who may not be in my district. Omaha has authority, under the statutes, and responsibilities which are not being carried out. When down through the years they were coming to the Legislature to get increases in the local option sales tax, the first bill was LB 578, introduced by Senator Terry Carpenter, and that was a half-cent sales tax and it was adopted November 1st, 1969. Omaha went for the tax. Then they got an increase October 1st, 1970, another increase July 1st, 1978, and Senator Morrissey and Senator Horgan and everybody on the floor of this Legislature knows that the only way the city can increase the sales tax is by a vote of the people. We are