

special election, tell me how many school districts have passed bond issues in this state. We're not passing bond issues. So if you think they're going to be able to up the lid and you walk out saying, that's okay, they have a chance to do so, don't delude yourself, don't deceive yourself. It's not happening, and you need to vote on the policy on the entire thing, not one narrow thing at a time. So, Senator Hilgert, you took Senator Chambers' bait and got up to speak, you baited me into speaking and, Senator Chambers, I'll punch on again and when my time is I'll give you some extra time if you'd care to use it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Vrtiska, I believe your light came on. Are you wishing to address the bracket motion?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I obviously raise (sic) to oppose the bracket motion because I think the issue before us has been pretty well spelled out the last three hours and we need to continue to come to a conclusion as to whether this, in fact, is good policy. I happen to think that the policy we are making has...makes some sense. I think there are some unfortunate statements that have been made that I don't necessary concur with. First of all, making a comparison between bond issues not passing and whether people would vote for an increase in taxes I think is erroneous on its face. There's a lot of difference in whether people are voting to build a building or a property than there is in providing the services that may or may not be needed by a community and I don't think there's a really direct correlation between those two types of votes that may or may not be held. Secondly, I'd have to say in all honesty one of the probably, in my opinion, this is strictly my opinion, one of the most unfair taxes that's been placed on the people in Nebraska has been the local option sales tax. Because, as you all know, it takes the money from many of us who live in the smaller towns that don't have the places to buy the goods and things that are available in the cities, so we take our money and we spend it there and we leave part of it there, but we don't get any of it back. I think if we were really fair we would put a tax statewide and distribute the money back to all of the communities who in fact go to the larger communities to buy the goods that they can't buy at home. But I know that's not going to happen because a few years ago they decided to pass a bill that would make a local option sales tax and you could do that. I don't happen to agree with it, I