

think what Senator Wickersham is offering as a counterproposal has far more merit than what Senator Ashford is offering. These last few days it hasn't been necessary for me to engage in extended debate on any subject. Unfortunately, when we were talking yesterday about a very serious policy determination by the state with reference to the McBride principles dealing with conditions in Northern Ireland, the World-Herald, the World-Herald sent somebody down here who reduced all of that to a flare of temper between two of the members of the Legislature. Nothing was said about the debate of the issue. Nothing was given as to the rationale for the decision taken by the Legislature. But because they have such a low regard for the public or the reporter is so incapable of understanding the seriousness of what was before us, he wrote all of his article about that one flare-up. So if somebody were of a mind to find out what happened that day with reference to the issue of Northern Ireland, all they will see is that there was an argument between Senator Hall and Senator Ashford. I think that is some of the worst reporting I have ever seen. I think it was totally irresponsible, and it is a good thing he works for the World-Herald instead of me because I would fire him. But this is what the World-Herald sent him down here for, I am sure. Now the World-Herald is the very one who supports what Senator Ashford is doing because I see an editorial on our desks. If the same pea brained people who wrote that editorial are the ones who pay the salary of the reporter who dealt with the issue of Northern Ireland in the way he did, we have no basis for giving serious consideration to what Senator Ashford is offering. But as long as he continues to bring this back, I am going to fight it tooth and nail. He knows it, the mayor knows it, and all these other people know it. There is no chance, no chance for this Omaha city sales tax. Senator Ashford knows that, but I want to see if I can get something from him on the record. Senator Ashford, I've read varying accounts in the World-Herald about the support for this city sales tax. I want you to tell me, in your honest opinion, are there 25 votes to add this to this bill?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I don't have a clue, Senator Chambers, that's why I want a vote to find out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you doing this in the way that I do to take time and delay a bill, which I frankly admit when I am doing that? Is that what you are doing...