

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Will senators please check in. The house is under call. Senator Avery, will you please check in. Senator Pedersen. Senator Preister. There's been a request for a roll call vote.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1839-40 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Ashford amendment is adopted. I raise the call. Senator...

CLERK: Madam President,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jones wishes to announce that there are 13 FFA members from Valentine in the south balcony. And Senator Dierks wishes to announce that there are 43 fourth graders from Neligh-Oakdale Public School from Oakdale, Nebraska here and their sponsors, and they're in the south balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Landis would move to amend the bill. (AM4316 appears on pages 1840-41 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I follow on the heels of the Omaha sales tax with a proposal on the same topic but structured in a different way for the City of Lincoln. I've had a copy sent out to your desks. You might want to take a look at it because it's something that you haven't seen before and we've talked about this notion in discussing with my colleagues what was critical about sales tax. I learned two things. First, a vote of the people is absolutely critical. And the right to use this half-cent sales tax in the City of Lincoln is premised on a vote of the people. The second thing that I heard was the line of argument that said, look, we do not want to have the state sales tax base jeopardized by the city sales tax base and we don't want to give it away...we don't want to give away the state sales tax base to the City of Lincoln or whatever. So this proposal says that only as long as