

at in great detail whether a hundredweight of sorghum, grain sorghum should have to pay one cent. In fact, I am considering an amendment that will eliminate grain sorghum from that proposition altogether. And corn would go with an excise tax of a cent and a half a bushel instead of one cent. And there is some other things which I believe would have a fitting place with LB 984. But the amendment before us right now, or the motion is one to reconsider that vote on the Omaha city sales tax. Oh, there has been chortling in Omaha, and I don't blame them. I cannot blame them at all. I cannot blame the mayor. I cannot blame Mr. Pfeffer, who I understand is going to correct the little problem that Senator Hall discussed with us the last time we were here about his not having registered as a lobbyist, but that will be corrected, and in the meantime, the city people are very pleased with having got that amendment attached. I have opposed the sales tax. Coming around to you is an article from our good friend, Senator Haberman, about an earlier example of sales tax discussion on the floor, and it is a time when I tried to rally the Douglas County delegation to stop whining, crying, begging. They embarrassed me. They were an embarrassment to themselves. They were an embarrassment to the city. They offered to give their souls and were going to make trades with the rural senators, and I had told them if they would stand up as individuals and stick together as a group, I would help them...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...get their sales tax, and they did it, and they got it, and I have been against them ever since. That was a bigger issue than just a tax. It was the integrity of the delegation. We are now at a set of circumstances where we can look at the tax itself. It not only erodes the state's tax base, but it is that regressive tax which takes from the poor by putting the same rate of tax on them that it does on those who have much more in the way of means. Madam President, I have spoken nine minutes already?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: I am sorry, Senator. I believe you opened last Friday.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, that's right. Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Ashford.