

worthwhile thing because it has deteriorated to such an extent. It was poorly conceived and constructed in the first instance, but despite all that, there are business people in Omaha who could ante-up some money and do as has been done in other cities. This is going to redound primarily to the benefit of downtown interests. The people who have money already, they want a free ride. They don't want to ante-up a nickel and they want to put it on the sales tax which is the most regressive tax of all. I hope that this amendment will be reconsidered, that it will be taken off 1087, then the rest of the session can deal with these issues independently of this one, which was injected late in the game. Although Senator Ashford has talked about it, it has not been an active part of the mix, and I am hoping that there will be enough senators to vote to reconsider. More is at stake here at this point, this is the fifty-sixth day, than just this particular bill, 1087. Even if you decide not to reconsider and leave it on, 1087 is going to take a considerable amount of time, and if it goes to cloture, and it doesn't get the votes, then it is taken off the agenda and we don't have to worry about all the other amendments attached to it. But after it goes by the boards, we do have some other matters on these bills that remain before us, and this bill that we are talking about, and the amendment which it carries, LB 1087, they have been linked to other propositions. I heard...I read where Senator Coordsen made a comment that reminded me of Darth Vader when he was chasing Luke Skywalker, got him in his sights and he said, I have you now. Well, in other words, Senator Coordsen said that, that they have delivered the sales tax for the City of Omaha into his hands, and by doing that and giving me the opportunity to become involved with 1087, LB 961, and LB 984, they have delivered three bills into my hands and perhaps the rest of the session. Senator Ashford, I am just trying to be very blunt and frank and bring onto the floor of the Legislature the things that we know are bubbling behind the scenes. I hope the vote will be one to reconsider. If that is done, if that is done, brothers and sisters, I think we will have a far more peaceful and tranquil end to the session.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The next speaker is Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to stand in support of Chambers, Senator Chambers on this here reconsideration because I don't think that that's the right way to go because we are messing with our tax base for the whole