

least are men and women of their word that I don't know how on earth the City of Omaha could come back here a year from now and ask for an extension. In past years, in past years they were temporary but they were for ongoing revenue sources. This is a one-time deal and at least, sure, maybe two or three years down the road they're going to have the opportunity to come down and do that, but surely not in the short term. And so I think the one-year situation of the City of Omaha is something that I in my own mind do not believe jeopardizes our tax base unless the Legislature next year gives it away. And I think Senator Landis's amendment crosses that line beyond a temporary tax into a permanent granting of that authority of our local government and you can't do that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: and the argument could be, well, if you do it for Omaha, you're going to have to do it for Lincoln and I, too, am concerned about that but obviously Omaha had the vote and things like that. I guess if Lincoln in the next, between now and December 31, 1995 is willing to do something, I'd be willing to let them do that. Anything this body does to permanently give that sales tax base away I would oppose and would think it would be unwise. As long as indeed it is of a temporary nature, I will support it but only if this Legislature retains all the cards in its hands in the 1995 session to deal with its budget problems, to property tax problems or at that point in time if they want to permanently give that sales tax base away, that's the time to do it. If you're not going to use a sales tax rate increase this year for state government, next year I think this body is going to have to make a serious decision on that. I think that as long as all the cards are in next year, this body can afford to support, do it for one year.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. The motion is to bracket the issue but Senator Moore talked a bit about how the juxtaposition of this motion with Senator Landis's motion on Lincoln might interplay and just real briefly I oppose the Omaha proposal for a city sales tax, but I will support the Landis amendment to this bill. I will support it because it makes the point that I think some of us have been trying to make. If you grant it for Omaha despite the distinction Senator