

vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate is ceased. Senator Chambers, to close on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is not the only motion that I have, but this was the only one I could think of which would quickly allow us to get beyond this bill. But if we don't get beyond the bill by means of this motion then I have others that I'm going to offer. This is a very serious matter that we're dealing with. I don't mean just the Lincoln attempt now, but the Omaha and Lincoln taken together. Senator Moore is too young to remember how Omaha has done in the past. You can say all you want to that they have ongoing revenue needs, therefore, they came back to get extensions, extensions, then make it permanent. Well, why don't they do the other things that are available for a city to finance something such as this? I think they ought to try revenue bonds. Let them issue general obligation bonds. Then they can raise the taxes that they feel are necessary in Omaha without coming to the Legislature to pay off those general obligation bonds, if that's what they want to do. Let them go to these businessmen who are going to gain the most from some kind of facility in downtown Omaha, but this whole thing of a city auditorium right now for those who may not know it is a battle between two opposing forces in Omaha. Both of them know that the auditorium itself is not worth a quarter. It is sending good money after bad, but they want to determine which side is going to win and the Legislature is going to victimize the citizens who have to pay the sales tax. That relates to the issue in Omaha, but it's going to be taxes for everybody or taxes for nobody. Let me turn it the other way around. Taxation for nobody or taxation for everybody and maybe I can't carry us the rest of the way, but I can carry us a long way toward the end of this session and if the body decides that's what it wants to do, that's what will be done. This is not one of those ethical issues. This is not one of those that is of great import to the state. This is one of those that is strictly political. It is strictly and purely political. You have a politician like the mayor sending down a person who is not even registered as a lobbyist to lobby this bill. That's the way this whole thing has been dealt with so I feel no qualms