

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will all senators please return to their seats, will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor and will senators please check in. The house is under call. Senator McKenzie, Senator Rasmussen, Senator Beutler, Senator Ashford. Senator Jones, will you check in, please. Senator Schmitt, Senator Will, Senator Lindsay. Senator Haberman, will you check in, please. Senator Lindsay. There has been a request for a roll call vote in reverse order. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See page 1902 of the Legislative Journal.) 12 ayes, 31 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The bracket motion fails. I raise the call. We return now to LB 1087 and the Landis amendment. Any further discussion of the Landis amendment? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I'd rise to once again oppose Senator Landis's amendment as I stated before. Senator Landis's amendment I think crosses the line beyond a temporary tax to a permanent tax and what I have always said the thing that I would oppose as long as I could while I'm in here is a permanent giving away of that authority to local governments and I think Senator Landis's amendment does that. I know that it is worded in such a way that whenever we want it back we can have it, but the fact is the way it's worded you could never get it back because you have to take it back from someone and that's the difference. The Omaha one sunsets at a time certain. I would concur I wish it would sunset July 1, '95 is the way I'd prefer it would do that but I don't think I can change it at a point in time. But Senator Landis's amendment is drafted for the City of Lincoln, gives the tax away permanently to funding, to a program that has ongoing cost to it and so I don't know how you're ever going to get it away, it's that simple. And if you do that, you're absolutely right, you might as well do it for the City of Omaha because they're going to want it as well. I think at one time it was a specific project that has a sunset on it. When this body next year can make a decision is something that I will support, but Senator Landis's amendment the way it is drafted, I think, permanently and forever would give a two-cent tax authority to the local governments in the State of Nebraska and forever impede our ability as a state to shape tax policy around that half cent increase. For that reason I rise to oppose it.

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