

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, this is a bad amendment for all the reasons Senator Moore gave and others. It just should not be brought...let me ask Senator Landis a question. Senator Landis...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...has this proposal been...was this one of the proposals turned down by the Revenue Committee?

SENATOR LANDIS: A different form of this issue was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How was it different?

SENATOR LANDIS: You yourself pointed to the new wrinkle, that's the difference.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, that's the only difference in it, the duration of it and when it would... Here's what I want to ask you though on that. Senator Moore said the state would have to take it back. If the state raised the sales tax rate, what is there in this statute as you have it drafted that would automatically terminate the Lincoln sales tax increase?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well the authority to issue the tax would be undone because the triggering event would have occurred and the city would be without authority to levy the tax. And as you know, creatures of the state can only do that which the statutes authorize them to do and since the authorization would go away, so too would the tax.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think there is a possibility if this were put in place in the way that it is written that perhaps more than that one-half percent could go by the boards also?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't understand the question, Senator Chambers. Would you rephrase it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: With the way you have your amendment drafted, should the state increase the sales tax, is there any chance that more than this new one-half percent that you're offering here or attempting to would be wiped out?

SENATOR LANDIS: Got to try one more time, it still... you have