

to ask me a clear question here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Never mind, that's okay. I don't blame you, I wouldn't, if it was my amendment I wouldn't answer the questions either, but I will go ahead anyway.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll be happy to answer questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's okay, I can't make it clear so I'm not going to continue to ask it. This amendment is one of those which attempts to obtain acceptance by being presented in a different way and it is a different way. It is a unique maneuver. But again, it takes away from the state a power that the state needs. It takes away money which if it's going to be raised ought to be going for the state. With all of the talk that we had earlier, oh, and another thing we're going to have to deal with probably is veto overrides unless we decide we're not going to do that. Those will take some time. But again, mentioning that the state lacks the money to do this, the state lacks the money to do that, and there is going to be a deficit next year and the state is being asked to give away taxing authority. It should not be done, it is not wise. If the people in Omaha are thinking what we're told they are by Senator Ashford and Senator Will, they look for a one-half percent increase in the sales tax, then it's gone. If the state has to raise the sales tax again, that one-half percent is still there in Omaha. It is still there. It has gone no place and to them, the people, they will have been tricked and deceived by Senator Ashford and others. But I know that is of no moment to the body at this point, but it's something which the senators from Omaha should think about. I oppose the increase in the sales tax because it is regressive. I have supported increases in the income tax. I have offered to propose an increase in the income tax.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would offer it, I would support it, but it's clear this session that nothing like that is going to be done so I won't waste the body's time with that. I will conserve my energies and direct them toward defeating bad legislation such as this we have pending before us now. So with Senator Landis's amendment being before us, it gives us the opportunity to rethink what was done with Omaha and not make the same mistake. So I hope that there will be enough votes to