

defeat Senator Landis's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There's an amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Landis's amendment. (Chambers amendment, FA558, may be found on page 1902 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm trying to find a way to get around Senator Moore's stated problem. What this amendment says is that on page 2, line 15, after the word "greater", and this would be in the Landis amendment, you add "or for a period of ten years, whichever contingency occurs first". If for ten years the state does not raise the sales tax, this tax will stay in place. If the state raises the sales tax in a shorter period than ten years, then the tax would be gone. What we try to do around here is accommodate each other. Senator Landis on numerous occasions has injected himself into disputes on the floor and tried to resolve them. He has tried to be a mediator. So I'm trying to give some of that back to him this evening. This amendment is a way out of the dilemma unless it would be felt that ten years is too long a period to allow Lincoln to have this extra half percent, but that would be something that a person could dispute since Omaha came down here a few years ago and asked for a temporary sales tax and wound up having the body agree to make it permanent. So with this additional one-half percent it would bring Lincoln, if I read this correctly, up to 1 percent of sales tax. That is still a half percent less than what Omaha has right now. But with this proposal that Senator Ashford has added to 1087, if it stays attached and that bill should somehow pass, the sales tax imposed by Omaha would be 2 percent. The tax imposed in Lincoln, if this passes, would be 1 percent and I believe I'm reading that correctly. The current language says a city of the primary class is hereby authorized to increase any city sales and use tax existing on January 1 with the new language, 1994, imposed pursuant to this section by amount not to exceed one-half of 1 percent. That is existing language. Then we add, until the effective date of a change in the rate and so forth. If the question of the one-half of 1 percent increase is submitted to the voters and adopted, then the increase would be there and there is...I thought there was