

language on another page which would talk about what the total amount of the tax would be. But I believe the city sales tax in Omaha right...let me ask Senator Warner a question. Senator Warner, what is the level or rate of sales tax in Lincoln right now?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: One and a half percent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, it's one and a half percent.

SENATOR WARNER: One and a half cents I should say.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, one and a half, that's what I mean, one and a half cents. So it is the same as Omaha right now.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I was misstating that. So Lincoln wants a 2 percent tax for a longer period, an indefinite period without my amendment. But if my amendment is adopted, it would put although a lengthy period of time, it does have an ending and that ending would be ten years from now. I hope that this amendment will be adopted. But if it is not, then we still are confronted with the same situation. A city is asking the state to trust it, to give it this additional taxing power for an indefinite period of time and what is the purpose of this sales tax? It is for the purpose of improving streets, of pertinences and other things associated and related thereto which things ought to be paid for by property tax. If there are streets that would go through residential areas, then there are benefits which will be obtained by the people who live on that street. Since it is not being paid for by property tax, I don't know that they could be assessed anything in addition for the cost of those streets. So this is a matter that I will ask Senator Hall a question about. Senator Hall, if a street, if an improvement in a street is paid for by the sales tax,...

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they can not again assess the abutting property owners to pay for that street, could they, or could they?