

value of the property on either side of it. This is why in the poor areas of the city there is no interest on the part of the city in repairing the streets, in doing away with broken curbs, cracked sidewalks and the other things that typify a neglected part of the city.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, there are no further lights, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Madam President and members of the Legislature, this amendment is not one that I think the body will find attractive. Ten years would apparently be too long a period of time, based on Senator Hall's reaction. I did not want to make it one year. I did not want to make it two years. I wanted to make it a long enough period of time to keep it in the ball park with what Senator Landis is proposing in his original language. But if this amendment is rejected and if Senator Landis's amendment is adopted, it means exactly what I have been discussing and which I will repeat again and again, or however many times is necessary. If you raise this money through the sales tax, everybody who makes purchases of anything to which a sales tax will attach will be paying to make improvements in the City of Lincoln and some of those improvements will be in selected favored neighborhoods and areas of the city. Maybe they will decide that there's something downtown they would like to do to benefit the individual merchants. Again, the many are being taxed to benefit the few, so this is not a good procedure. This is not a good policy, and the state should go very slowly even if it is supposed to be for a temporary period, the state should go slowly in allowing the cities to pay for it through sales tax, those things which should and could be paid for through property taxes and other means. With the city auditorium, they have had a seat tax for some period of time. I heard Senator Hall describing the disrepair of the seats. People are wondering what became of that money. The building itself is not worthy of renovation and remodeling. You have, given to you, it was placed on your desk by Senator Wickersham, you have, given to you, a copy of a report from the Mayor's Study Commission and they determined that it would be a waste of money, it would not be feasible to try to remodel, to renovate or repair this old City Hall