

necessity of a vote of the people. This authority only initiates at a successful vote of the citizens of Lincoln. Secondly, there was a very considerable concern about giving away the state tax base and doing it on a permanent basis and this measure is designed to undo this half-cent sales tax authority in the event the state should wish to exercise its power and right to raise the tax...the taxes. I expect, as Senator Warner does, that in a year's time we probably will be faced with the necessity of some kind of tax change. And, as a Lincoln senator who has a great deal of state government here in my district, I've always been supportive of the necessity of maintaining those programs and I always wound up being helpful in raising votes and supporting votes. I can't imagine that that would be different in the coming times. Rather than taking on a permanent basis the tax base away, as people have expressed concern to me, this theory is that we would borrow the tax base, which is now currently unused, until such time as the state needed it. Clearly, the body is of a mind to allow Omaha to expand its tax base at this moment. Ours are more permanent in nature. We have \$60 million of unfunded road needs. We are bonded up to our eyeballs because of our school system. This is a legitimate way, we think, of maintaining our infrastructure. A lot of Nebraska comes to visit Lincoln and our infrastructure is a valuable part of our community. This allows us to keep pace with that. And I would ask your magnanimity in adopting this amendment and considering the other items that are available to us on the bill. I know there are several other amendments up there. I would ask for a vote on this bill, hopefully, a positive one, and we can get on to the other issues of the session. Because of the closeness of the issue, I am going to ask that we wait until we are all assembled and then we can take the vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bromm, please check in. Senator Lynch. Senator...Senator Robinson. The question before the body is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 1087. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record. Senator Landis. There's been a request for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1906 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 23 nays.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Landis amendment fails. I raise the call.