

to collect sales tax. And I think this is only fair and just. And besides that, it would certainly, the way it is now it is certainly unfair to our in state merchants and so this is why the Revenue Committee saw fit to introduce this bill. I understand that there is heavy lobbying on the other side and why wouldn't there be? When you can order articles, merchandise from a mail order company, you just receive a three and a half percent discount. I don't know what it will bring into the state. The Department of Revenue says it could bring 10 to \$12 million. I have a figure of about approximately \$2 million a year. I think that is maybe a little low, but I would rather be a little low than too high. Senator DeCamp says this bill is unconstitutional. Well, how long have we heard that argument? We hear that argument just about on every bill. I don't have any reason to believe that this bill is unconstitutional. It is true that we probably should have a law on the federal level, but so far Congress has not seen fit to pass a law. There is a bill now before the House and before the Senate to take care of this, but if they pass a bill, we would still have to have it in the state statutes to enforce it. So I would like to urge you to vote against the kill motion and be number one in this area. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Baack, followed by closing by Senator DeCamp, if there are no other lights.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker and members, I would rise to support the indefinite postponement of this bill. I think that, you know, Senator Johnson gets up and talks about how much money we might take in and he talks in the millions of dollars. I think one thing that they failed to talk about is how much money it might take us to try and collect this money. I don't think...there is no mechanism, device in this thing as to how we are going to go about collecting this money. I know that this legislation was designed after some legislation that was going on in California at the present time, but after contacting the Department of Revenue in California, that bill did fail in California. They did not pass this legislation. So I just can't imagine what the costs that we might run into if we tried to actually enforce this bill. We would be in the process of having employees in the Department of Revenue sending out letters to anyone who ordered from a catalogue and if they ordered one dollar's worth of stuff, the Department of Revenue would be