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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to be brief. I think that we have had a good discussion of the issues involved in the committee amendment and what, if the committee amendments are adopted, become the bill. This is a proposal, of course, to allow counties new authority to have an occupation tax in a specific set of circumstances related to entertainment, recreational, concerts, and I'm going to leave out a word here and somebody will call me on it, events, but those taxes could only be imposed after a vote of the county. And with the discussion and the amendments, I think the issue is squarely before us. I believe that the bill is appropriate as an opportunity for counties to broaden their tax base if their constituents of a particular county agree. So, with that, I would urge your support for the committee amendment and eventually the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk, new bill titles.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. (Read LB 1267-1287 by title for the first time.) And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 326-330.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have with respect to LB 259 is by Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Wehrbein, you would have the option to lay the bill over at this time, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on your motion to indefinitely postpone the bill.