

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I understand we are on the amendment. Is that right? Okay, Senator DeCamp, could I ask you a question? I assume that you have had a lot of people testify at this hearing. I read the summary from the committee. Could you tell me the percentage of people that stay in hotels, motels and so forth in the State of Nebraska that are actually out of state residents?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay, I don't have before me the exact figures. I will try to get them for you. As I say, I gave a rough estimate. I think from the information we got and nobody knows exactly, that somewhere in excess or right at half of the total income that would come under this would, in fact, be paid by out of state people. Like when we go to Washington, you and I, on a legislative trip, we pay 5, 6, 8%. The same thing would happen here only it would be much less and as to the other question about the hearing, it was one of those interesting hearings where a major bill is there and you have seen it before, a very limited number of people. Most of the interest and activity on this bill developed afterwards, groups involved in supporting it, working on it, so it was a very low keyed public hearing, quite frankly. In fact, some of the members had to be on a legislative trip at that time. A very limited number of members were able to stay for the total hearing. Senator Fitzgerald, my good friend, Senator Fitzgerald was able to stay I think for almost the entire hearing and he knows just exactly how many were testifying there. It was a very limited number.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well in other words what you are saying is 50% of the people are out of staters. Then that means that 50% of the people are also Nebraskans so 50% of the people are going to be paying this tax but they don't know it yet. That is consequently the reason they weren't at the hearing. They didn't really realize what is going on. I think I would have to oppose this entire measure and would urge the rest of the members to take a good long look at it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR MARESH: I think this is a better bill than we have had in the past but I am wondering about this resolution that the county board passes. Is there any hearing on this to allow the public in that county to be heard on