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the issue. I wonder if we would say ordinance then it would require a public hearing. Wouldn't it?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Oh, I have no objection to that. I am not sure but what it isn't already in there. I would have to check out the exact specifics but any system you want to set out for public hearings, public protection, involvement at the county level before the county would adopt it, that is sure fine by me.

SENATOR MARESH: Okay, that is one thing I would like to have the public input on this in the county so they could be heard on this issue. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dworak moves to amend the committee amendments: (Read Dworak amendment as found on pages 427-428 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I have opposed this bill for five years now. We put a new blanket on the horse and trotted it back into the arena. It has been here many times, many times before and it has been turned down by this Legislature many times. I am opposed to the principle of earmarking funds. I think if this Legislature decides that motels should be taxed additional 3%, then so be it, but let's put the 3% into the general fund and let us be able to use that revenue as to the top priorities in the State of Nebraska, but to generate this kind of money and allocate it to tourism or allocate it to anything else, in my opinion is the wrong approach and is not good government and we have done this too many times in the past and to continue this practice of allocating tax monies I think is a mistake. Then we get to the point where we have got to raise the taxes across the board, across to all the people of the State of Nebraska to perform legitimate functions of state government and that gets to be very unpopular to do and consequently legitimate services suffer. So if this body is of the disposition to raise sales taxes or put another tax and that is what we are doing, there is nothing else we are doing but putting another tax onto the people, then let's at least get that tax put into the general fund where we have the flexibility to use it in the best way. Essentially the amendment strikes those sections pertaining to the local major cities in each district and of course, representing

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