

is buying center pivots to help subsidize this? It is the same philosophy Senator Kahle gave us on motel rooms. Let's get that Iowa money. Let's get that Colorado money. Or we can do that with any product that is merchandized outside of the State of Nebraska. Senator Burrows was right on target. If the motel and hotel industry want to help themselves, all they have to do is raise their rates two or three percent, put that money in a convention fund, appoint their own members to control that convention fund and solve the same problem this mandatory tax is addressing. It just doesn't make sense to me at a time when people are screaming less taxes and less taxes to put another three percent on top of the sales tax already for a certain industry. It doesn't make any sense at all. It doesn't make any sense at all for this Legislature to give county supervisors and county commissioners the authority to appoint a board by resolution, read the bill, all they have to do is appoint the board by resolution, to spend this state money that you have the control and the authority and the responsibility to spend now. We are taking money away from the public in the form of a tax to subsidize and promote one industry. If that industry needs to subsidize and promote itself, sobeit. Let it do it. So I strongly support Senator Vickers' effort in killing the bill and commending him for his courage in bringing this amendment before this body.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: The question.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp calls the question. Do I see five hands? I do. I see six or seven. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 499. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President,

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and debate ceases and the Chair recognizes Senator Vickers for purpose of closing.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think this is coming up at rather a unique time. The members of my industry are just getting ready to vote on a referendum as to whether or not we are going to promote our own product. We are going to pay for it ourselves but we are telling the hotel and the motel and the tourism industry in the State of Nebraska you don't have to pay to promote your business. Through the sales tax, we are going to