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LB 499

promote it for you. It think it is also rather odd that my good colleague, Senator Kahle, would introduce this bill that would take the right of cities to have sales taxes, which I intend to support, pass around a copy of an editorial from one of his radio stations out there on the same morning that he gets up and promotes a sales tax on lodging. According to this editorial, if this is correct that he passed around, he says that any attempt to increase sales taxes by the cities will kill any attempt that we might have to increase the sales or income tax to alleviate the property tax burden. Now maybe you can understand that but I certainly can't. I don't know exactly what he is saying. I don't really think that I need to take up very much time. I think most people are aware that we are in effect, as Senator Dworak said, eroding the tax base of the State of Nebraska. I think we have eroded it too much already. For us to go down that road any further has got to be a mistake. I would urge your help to kill LB 499.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall LB 499 be indefinitely postponed? Motion is to indefinitely postpone. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The bill is still alive. Senator DeCamp. Is there any more amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kahle and Senator Hoagland now move to amend, and I believe copies have been distributed to the membership.

PRESIDENT: Kahle and Hoagland?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Who is going to speak, Senator Kahle or Senator Hoagland? Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I am going to open on this particular amendment, Mr. President, and Senator Kahle will close. Let me just describe briefly what these three amendments are designed to do. You all have had these distributed to your desks I believe and there are five paragraphs that explain what the amendments are or they show what the amendments are. Now let me first deal with paragraph 5.