

I would be very glad to withdraw this thrust for a sales tax on lodging if we could be sure that we would get an across the board sales tax relief across the State of Nebraska including cities, these types of institutions, and also us poor farmers. So that is the reason that I am delving into this thing. At the moment the way it looks it is going to like it might continue for another year or two. I am very much interested in, as Senator Hoagland said, harvesting some of that money that slips across the State of Nebraska and I just don't believe that we are being very fair with our people if we expect them to stand the cost of promotion for outstate travel and I just believe we are late. We should have done this ten years ago. I think that is all I have got to say. Perhaps it is too late.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I wholly support the amendments. You may note that everyone of the objections raised last Friday is addressed in these particular amendments. The issue of whether we should or should not have additional public input is solved by a public hearing. Senator Warner's concern about what it does or does not do to the existing sales tax is addressed here. Spending control is addressed here. So I think everyone of the objections raised by Senator Beutler, Senator Warner, some concerns by Senator Hoagland is addressed in this particular amendment so I urge you to support the amendment and advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close on the amendment. Either one of you then so you will waive closing. The question then is the adoption of the Kahle-Hoagland amendment to LB 499. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion passes. The Kahle-Hoagland amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?