

small interest group is going to receive all the benefits and all your constituents that stay in a motel within this state are going to pay that tax. It is unexplainable and undefendable when you go back to your constituents except those that are in the position as the benefactors of the tax, and they are such a narrow group I don't see how we can do it. I wholeheartedly support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. President, we have spent an awful lot of time on a bill that I don't have that much interest in really, but I would like to explain a little bit to Senator Burrows the way I think it will work. I am very much opposed to putting this money in the road fund. I think as a secondary effort you do receive gas tax. I am in favor of raising the gas tax a cent or two or more, but by creating a lodging tax and trying to increase the tourism you are going to have more people buying gas in Nebraska. You are going to have more people buying services in Nebraska. You are going to have more people buying food in Nebraska. So the secondary effects, a promotion...you know what Sears and Roebuck says...I don't know what they spend now but they used to spend about twenty percent of their income on advertising to make a lot more money. I don't know whether the State of Nebraska is really that interested in making money, but I certainly feel that the tourism tax would accelerate the other taxes that we collect and we would come out ahead in our roads and also in our other funds in the state. I would like to comment just a bit about the tax that we are talking about, sales tax across the state, or sales tax in cities, sales tax on the motels. If I was assured that we could put a tax on across the State of Nebraska that would relieve property tax, I wouldn't be interested in this bill at all, because I think that the motels are also being taxed very severely in our state for property tax, and I think they would very much like to have that kind of relief perhaps even more than a lodging tax. So vote your conscience, but at the moment I think we are silly and Senator Burrows talks about the tax that we are going to have to pay here, I don't understand what he is talking about because if you go across the state line you are going to pay it, and most of us don't do much traveling within the state. It is usually to some other state. So at the present time I think it would be a good idea to at least get one percent to go for tourism. I am not so sold on the counties getting involved.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.