

because by and large they do not use this type of a lodging facility. It is those who travel and those who are indeed tourists taking vacations who are going to utilize the motels and hotels. If it is a traveling salesman, someone brought up a moment ago, they do indeed receive their expenses. Senator Dworak so nobly put on an act here on the Highway Trust Fund. I originally didn't want to argue in the first place because I didn't think I could hold my frustrations because if you can promote industry in this state in tourism you are going to gain in the Highway Trust Fund several millions of dollars because of the high tax we put on gasoline and most of those people are going to be using automobiles. In addition to that, they buy food, and when they buy that food, they pay a sales tax on it as well and that goes into the general fund. Our position here as elected officials should be this indeed will stimulate an economy of the State of Nebraska. If we weren't so certain of this, why would we have the Economic Development Department, Community Improvement Programs and a lot of other kinds of agencies for the purpose of making Nebraska more beautiful and henceforth a more attractive place to stay and to visit. There is nothing wrong with 499 at all except that we here are trying to put together a piece of legislation and make it so miserable we probably won't be able to use it. Many of you people pay great tribute to your Chamber of Commerce, and yet by here this morning adopting Senator Beutler's amendment, you are saying the Chamber of Commerce doesn't know much. Yet the Chamber of Commerce is a very active progressive community made up generally of businessmen and others who are professionals interested in the growth of a community. There is nothing wrong with the way this local body would be constituted under the present proposal. I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. Nothing wrong, because you are going to go through all the hearings and all the safeguards as to how they are going to expend these tax dollars from the lodging industry to better their community, their county, and in the end, the State of Nebraska. I would ask you to keep the intent of the bill and the body as we have adopted the amendments as it is now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, did you wish to speak to this? All right. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I accept the amendment. I think it is terrific. I hope we adopt it and I hope we move the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, we are back to Senator Beutler for