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very honorable. It is in good faith that I offer this amendment and I certainly encourage your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I support Senator Wesely's amendment. I think it fulfills all the intent of the bill. We are all concerned about promoting and developing tourism in the State of Nebraska. This amendment does not detract from that support. Many of you who are supporting the bill on that basis but are uncomfortable about eroding the state tax base, it solves that particular problem. Senator Wesely's amendment is a step in the right direction. I can support this bill if this amendment is adopted. I think that Senator Wesely has brought before us the answer to bring this thing together. I urge you to look at this amendment very closely, examine it very carefully and if it does as Senator Wesely purports it to do, which I believe it does, it solves all our problems. It is the compromise we have been looking for.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: The amendment basically guts the bill again.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Wesely, do you want to close on your motion to gut the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I object.

PRESIDENT: I retract that statement, go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: I think John is wrong. I don't think this amendment guts the bill. It deals with the basic fundamental goal of the bill and that is to promote tourism for the State of Nebraska. I appreciate Senator Dworak's remarks and I appreciate the stand he has taken on this issue to try and point out some of the problems involved, and thank God for it, because I saw the light and I was all for the bill and I still am, except I don't like the idea of giving to the counties that sales tax option. Now my thought is that this bill, what it is all about is basically to promote Nebraska, to go across this country, the midwest and across this country and tell people the story of this state and bring them here and show them the wonders of this great state, and I really believe that if people come here they are going to enjoy it, and we are going to get the