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LB 499

placed on the agenda by the Speaker for forty-five minutes after which time there will be a vote up or down at that time. That being the understanding, we will start at 9:32 a.m. for forty-five minutes. Read the...

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 499 was introduced by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 17 of last year. It was referred to the Banking Committee. The bill was advanced to General File with committee amendments. The committee amendments were adopted by the body on January 31 of this year. The bill failed to advance at that time. There was an amendment offered by Senators Kahle and Hoagland that was adopted. There were amendments offered by Senator Beutler that was adopted. There was an amendment by Senator Nichol that was adopted. I now have three different amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, read the first amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first is offered by Senator Wesely and it is found on page 519 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: It is in the Journal on page 519. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Pat, is this the amendment that would strike the county option? I believe it is.

CLERK: Strike the Kahle-Hoagland, strike the Beutler...

SENATOR WESELY: It deals with the county option. I will go ahead. This amendment is the amendment that was brought up the last time LB 499 was addressed by this Legislature. It deals with the fundamental concern that I have that is a concern shared by a number of other members of the Legislature that counties should not be involved with levying a sales tax whether it be on lodging or any other form of activity and that is my fundamental philosophical feeling that the sales tax is a state tax. It is not proper to allow the counties to enter into its issuance or... My feeling is the same with the city situation that we have before us in the bill that is introduced by a number of members of this Legislature, but my concern is that we are opening up a door that hasn't been opened before and we have to be concerned about that. Now I would like to ask Senator DeCamp, Senator DeCamp, could I ask you a couple of questions?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes.