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SENATOR WESELY: In talking with you previously about this amendment when it was up before you said that the concern was that if this amendment was added to the bill there was no support, generally speaking, from the lodging association and some other groups that are supporting this legislation and that probably the bill would have a difficult time passing if not an impossible task.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I think that is an accurate statement.

SENATOR WESELY: So your feeling is that if at this point that this amendment is brought up, addressed and perhaps passed that the bill probably would lose the majority of its support. Is that correct?

SENATOR DE CAMP: What support it has, yes.

SENATOR WESELY: All right, that is all I need. At this point I am going to have my amendment withdrawn and I will support the passage of the bill up to Select File but whether the bill loses support or not at that point, I will again address the issue and bring my amendment up again on Select File but my feeling is that we should have a tax on lodging, that we should promote tourism in Nebraska. This should be done at the state level and that this bill is good to that degree but I cannot support the bill with the county levy in it at a later date but I will support it at this point and I would urge you who agree with me that we need to add a lodging tax to promote tourism in Nebraska to support the bill at this point but please keep in mind that the amendment will be up on Select File and that we should deal with it at that time and not at this time. So I ask that my amendment be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: You are withdrawing the amendment, Senator Wesely? The Wesely amendment is withdrawn. Read the next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp offers an amendment. Do you want me to read it, Senator? Is that necessary?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I don't think it is necessary.

PRESIDENT: What page is it in the Journal?

CLERK: It is not in the Journal.

SENATOR DE CAMP: It is not in the Journal. It is Senator DeCamp and Senator Fitzgerald amendment.