

information on this proposal, maybe a little additional information you didn't have before. It will show you a map, a map of just how many states Nebraskans are paying this in and I will just hold this up and you can look at it. You will see the dark spots. Nebraskans are paying this everywhere else, almost anywhere we travel other than Montana and it is cold there, North Dakota, Wyoming. That is about the only places that don't have it. Any place that we go we are paying this tax. A little additional information, a copy of a resolution from the Douglas County Board of Supervisors, Commissioners, whatever, and it says, "Dear Frank:" It is addressed to Frank McMullen the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and basically it says the entire board is telling you enthusiastically they support the measure provided that the commissioners and supervisors of the counties be inserted as the agency charged with the expenditure of funds collected by the tax and, of course, that is what the amendment is up there as I said. And then there is a copy of the certified resolution passed on January 29, 1980, which shows that they overwhelmingly support this proposal, the lodging proposal, if this amendment is put in. Finally, I am showing you a survey that is being handed out and it shows you every single state and town and what they are charging we Nebraskans for lodging tax, about how much money that raises, so on. Just a little additional information to show you that this is not a unique concept. In fact, if anything, it is a concept whereby Nebraskans promote their industry, their tourism industry the same as other states. Now to answer some of the other questions raised, about 50% of the money raised will, in fact, be from people out of state. In other words, people who are not Nebraskans who are coming through and it will be money we wouldn't have had otherwise. The travel and tourism division of the Economics Development Department are spent for the entire state. Of course, this is understandable but, as I say, the way we have this bill drafted you would also have a local system whereby hunters, skiers, special events such as rodeos, Nebraskaland Days, ethnic festivals and particularly the convention dollar would be brought into the state. I think the bill with this amendment is a good amendment. I urge you to adopt the amendment and I hope I have contacted enough of you over the last couple of days and explained the legislation maybe in more detail than you had before, that when it come time for that magic vote as to whether the Phoenix shall rise and fly on to support our tourism industry, that you let it fly on to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next speaker, the Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce ten