

still one of the white ones under this situation but can you remember when we changed Nebraska from the white spot of the nation to put on our sales tax so our property tax would be less? We would have less taxes. Do you remember that we have a shortage of fuel? Our families are trying to stay somewhere within the State of Nebraska to visit the lovely parks and places we have provided for our families. This is a tax for Nebraska people and if you have heard from your people like I have heard from my people with or without the amendment, we are talking about LB 499, an increase of taxes to the people of the State of Nebraska. I think you ought to consider the railroad operation that we have just seen this morning. I had my white button pushed the second time for this year. The debate was cut off before we ever seen the amendment. I think we are going way too fast in this particular legislation. We ought to have less bills, spend more time debating them. I appreciate you people that get up and talk for and against but I think we ought to use some reasonable judgment. I think we are being railroaded right down the line as far as taxes. Thank you. I appreciate your attention.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, it is kind of hard to get up and defend what some of you think is an excess in taxation. I want to tell you where I am coming from in my own particular part of the country. I guess we were fortunate or unfortunate enough to receive the Interstate 80 right in my back yard. I haven't had a chance to get the information which I should have had and I apologize for it but there are somewhat over a thousand motel rooms between my place and the City of Kearney. So I think you can see why I am supporting this issue. It is going to be difficult for these people to maintain their facilities with the lack of fuel that we have now and the drop in the amount of people that are travelling especially from out state, but I still feel that there isn't another industry that we could help more by finding some promotion than the motel industry and if you think it doesn't affect your community, think again because it does. I expect I am affected more than some of you because thousands, yes, thousands of people depend on the motel business for their jobs, not only the people that clean the rooms but the people that cook and entertain and the whole bit. It is a big industry, one of the biggest and what we are really up against is we are ten years behind. It is absolutely ridiculous that we have not had a lodging tax in the state of Nebraska to promote this great country of ours and its many attractions. We see on television, I am sure, advertisements