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SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The E & R amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Burrows and it is found on page 572 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would like to mention again this is on page 572 of the Journal and what this amendment does is provides for a two year sunset provision for the bill, and if it works, it gives it a two year test period. I feel the votes are here to pass the bill. I think it is unrealistic any more to fight the bill as far as defeating the bill and it will put the pressure on the county boards and the people that spend this money to promote tourism to really do a good job. Now the biggest problem I have, we are going into a...with this bill is the fact that we are going into an energy crisis. Nationally we are dependent upon the Arabs and at this point we are passing a bill which promotes tourism or energy usage, oil usage, and we are using a new tax fund to promote usage. If we are going to pass it, I would really appeal to the body to put a two year limit on this bill so it would have to come before us in two years, and if this energy crisis gets worse, which I think it will, at the end of this two year period, they would have to come up and get it renewed. Otherwise we are putting on a new tax that will be here from here to eternity possibly. Now I really would like you to look seriously at this, those of you that have questions on the bill, and amend it so it has to come up again in two years. The bill, I think it is a little inexcusable for this Legislature to be passing a new tax that doesn't relieve some of the tax problems we have got in the state to begin with but let's not make it permanent. The amendment is simple, restricts it to two years and it is a sunset provision for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the Burrows amendment by striking "1982" and inserting "1985".

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.