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legislation. Let me reiterate once again, the amendment will take us back to the bill as introduced. We would have a 3% lodging tax administered by the state. Then the counties would have to come back to the state to ask for 2% of that lodging tax to be returned to the county. The county board would administer it to promote the county's tourism facilities or attractions or what have you. So we have the local part of it but we have the state control and the state administration and the accountability that I really think we need and so I am serious about the amendment and I think it deals with some of the concerns several of you have had and, hopefully, we can get some support for this. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 499. All those in favor of that amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Okay, Senator Wesely, I am going to call for the vote.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Stoney thinks I have got ten votes and I want to try and prove him right. Just one more.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would remind you that we are trying desperately to move legislation.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, that is fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 12 nays on the motion to adopt, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Is there any other amendments?

CLERK: Well, we now go back to the Wesely amendment found on page 635.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I tried and I felt that the last amendment was the way to deal with the concerns we have had. I will be real brief. This amendment is something that came up on General File. It gets back to the nub of the problem that several of us have had with this bill, that is the county part of it of having an option on their part. The county board could decide to collect a 2% lodging tax administered by the county on the local level and use that for purposes of tourism promotion. I wouldn't mind giving the counties the money back through the state