

will want to adopt the other 2%. They may say, look, we have made a judgment in our area and we don't think we would benefit that much. Therefore, we will pay our 1% to help the state and take our benefits there but we won't impose a local county option tax. Now in North Platte and in Scottsbluff or Grand Island, maybe, Hastings, those places, interstate towns particularly I think are going to want this but what you are doing is you are designing it to guarantee the bill will be killed by making it really only benefit Lincoln and I don't think that is what the rest of the people want. So I would oppose the amendment. I think the bill as it is now is in pretty good form. I think it should pass.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the Wesely amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, I have just been listening to my good friend Senator DeCamp talk and I believe that probably the best thing that can be said about this bill is that it is going to increase your taxes. It is going to increase the sales tax across the State of Nebraska whether it is on motels or what it is on, you are going to increase it, and what are you going to do with the money? You are not going to help the one thing in the State of Nebraska that needs help, that is property taxes. No, you are going to increase property taxes with this bill. That is all it will do. Puts the money into a town and the town will go ahead and build and build some more and you will find out that we are going to increase property taxes. Now the best thing to do with this bill is to accept Wesely's amendment and then kill it, but if you don't want to accept Wesely's amendment, we will just kill it as it is. I do not want it. I have never found any people, not one single one of my farmers, not a person living in Springfield, a town of 700 people, not one has come up and said, Orval, I want that tax. I haven't heard anybody come up that pays a motel tax and say, hey, Orval, please vote for an increase in the tax, we need a sales tax, let's really increase it. Now the best thing to do is to accept Wesely's motion and then kill the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Motion is to cease debate. Shall debate cease? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.