

SENATOR HALL: In Douglas County.

SENATOR HEFNER: In Douglas County. I just feel that this is too much tax to put on one class of businesses. I stayed in Omaha a couple nights the other night and I thought the tax was prohibitive then. And here we're going to add more taxes. Douglas County today, rest of the counties tomorrow, that's what is going to happen to this bill because some of the other counties like Hall County, or Sarpy County, or Lancaster County will want the same privileges to tax the motel room so they can do other things. Senator Hall, I think you said yesterday that there was a lot of lobbyists out in the Rotunda. How many lobbyists do we have lobbying on this bill?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Hefner, I have no idea. I've not talked to the lobbyists on this bill today, when we debated it the last time. If you go ask the lobbyists that might be working on this issue they'll tell you that they find that rather unfortunate that I don't talk to them, but it's not...

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: ...my MO to do that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Hall. I just wanted your reaction after what you said yesterday on the floor. But what this is, this is another tax increase, this is another 2 percent tax increase for the motel industry. I just feel that we've gone far enough. We need to stop some place and this would be a good way to stop it if we support the Beyer kill motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Just to touch on a couple points very briefly. Senator Korshoj, I did not...I had the opportunity when the kill motion was up to either lay the bill over or not, and I chose to lay it over. We're going to deal with it today. The kill motion is before us and if two-thirds of the body walked out we'd vote on whether or not to indefinitely postpone the bill and I would live with that. I try to be in attendance, every once in awhile I happen to be a little late. But I...you can usually find me in my seat. I appreciate your concern, but that was not a point that