

Columbus I am probably in that category and I will probably not be too popular with my Chamber of Commerce, however, I might be a little more popular with the people of Humphrey and Creston and Cornlea and Monroe. It is pretty good for the major city in each county. I don't see where it does much for those other communities but if we are going to raise the tax let's put it in the general fund. We've got plenty of needs for the monies. Sitting on the Appropriations Committee the requests are coming in this year as they have every other year. The University is there, state aid to education, I can name a thousand different requests. We certainly can use the money but give us the flexibility to use it where I think is in the best interest of most of the people in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: I do not know which which ones of you want to speak just on the amendment to the amendment so I am going to go down the line and just call on you and then you can indicate. Senator Burrows, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, this amendment to the amendment doesn't change the basic thrust of the bill. Now I oppose the amendment to the amendment in every way because all it is going to do is possibly make a bad measure a little more palatable to the body. Either way you look at it the amendment provides 2% tax to be used at the discretion of the counties with a board they set up to use this tax, a special interest piece of legislation. This 2% set down at county level will probably go to the Chamber of Commerce or Chamber of Commerce appointed people. If the lodging industry wants a 3% tax or a 2 and a 1, it should go into the state revenues and the direction of the amendment and/or the bill is entirely a special interest tax. A group that is not weak or unable to promote its own industry and the thrust of it will probably go down to this when it ends up in the long run. The thrust will be that the motels, the big motels in Lincoln Omaha and Grand Island will get the benefits when we go into the tourism because conventions will probably be a center of the spending of this money and to put a 2 and 1 or 3% tax anyway you handle it on the people of this state and the people that come in without relieving other taxpayers is really a sham on the taxpayers of the state. We are not giving organized labor a 3% tax to promote organized labor. Why should we give a 3 or a 2 and 1 tax to the Chamber of Commerce? I think the principles of it are contrary to the origin of the state and anyway you put that blanket on the pony it is just like the bill, that we put up. It has been put here and we beat out during the