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from the Chamber of Commerce and there was one from the AAA Motor Club. We talked on this bill and the lodging association opposed it. There must have been fifty to a hundred people here. Now we had the hearing here and I would like to know what happened at their convention. What was promised to these people at the convention because these people did a reversal from the time we heard the bill until this convention and is Senator DeCamp here? I would like to ask John some questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you respond.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes, Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Honest John, say could you tell me what the percentage of Nebraskans would be paying this tax salesman, tourists who travel locally here?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is your question out of the total tax or out of the total people paying what percent would be Nebraskans or what percent of Nebraskans would be paying the tax?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I want to know what percent of the Nebraskans would be paying the tax?

SENATOR DE CAMP: 100% of Nebraskans would be paying the tax when they stayed in a motel.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Then where is all this money coming from the outsiders?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Because, as I said, all Nebraskans are covered by the tax if that is your question.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes.

SENATOR DE CAMP: If your question is what percent of the tax is paid by Nebraskans that is a different question. I am guessing about 50%. Do you understand what I mean?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: You are right, about 52, 54% is...

SENATOR DE CAMP: That is my understanding.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: That is what the percentage is. And John, what happened at this meeting. These people here were at the meeting here previous and you go out there...

SENATOR DE CAMP: Which meeting now, Fitz.?