

SENATOR DWORAK: That is right, Senator Keyes, and then if the Appropriations Committee and the Legislature wants to put that money in the Department of Economic Development or whatever decision they make, we control that tax money. Now I think tax money should be controlled by these elected officials and not by some pseudo board out there in wherever and...

SENATOR KEYES: That is a 3% tax. Isn't it?

SENATOR DWORAK: Well that is what the bill calls for, Senator Keyes, is a 1 and a 2 and that equals 3 and so if we are going to raise the tax 3% that is fine. Now that would make the tax 6½% on motel rooms.

SENATOR KEYES: That is what I wanted you to say because I have talked to several senators and none of them seemed to know whether the motel bill was subject to the sales tax or not. In Omaha if you go into the Hilton Hotel and stay and it costs you \$50 for the night, do you ever figure how many dollars' tax you are paying right now and if you are going to give another 3% on top of that and what are we going to do? Is there a shortage of money in the general fund, I ask you? There ain't a soul can tell me that there is a shortage of money in the general fund and tell me why the travelling salesman, the trucker, the person that goes across this state and stays overnight, why we are going to not saddle him with a 3% tax on his motel bill. We are going to saddle him with a 6% when we don't need the money. The best thing we can do is kill this bill right now. Now I supported this several years ago but today at a time when the people don't want taxes increased we have some senators on the floor of this Legislature that are going to say, "Hey, let's increase taxes. Let's double them, double them in every place in the State of Nebraska except Omaha, Bellevue," well where ever the other two sales taxes are, or increased sales tax are. No, let's kill this bill. Put his amendment on there. If it does pass it needs to go to the general fund, that is for sure and then just kill the whole bill after a while.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell, you won't have to call for it. I believe we are... on the amendment to the amendment we are ready to close. Senator Dworak, you may close.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well in closing, Mr. President, Senator Keyes so adequately pointed out we will now have a 6½% sales tax on motel rooms if this bill passes. If we are going to