

tourism business that is really going to help our industry. But what is the two percent county option...what is that going to accomplish? That is going to be promotion of Lincoln or Kearney or Omaha, or specific towns and I see some intrastate problems there that I don't think really serve the purpose of this legislation. The purpose of the legislation is not to promote Kearney to Nebraskans or Lincoln to Nebraskans, although that is helpful and that is good...I think it is a broader question of promoting Nebraska to the country. I really...that is my feeling, but that is a general feeling. Now the specific feeling is that a county levy on sales tax is wrong. It is a new step. It is a step we should not take...that the bill with this amendment is not a bad idea, it is a good idea. It would be good for the state, and I hope it is a compromise you can accept because I think the bill is going to have a lot of trouble getting off of General File and passing this Legislature without this amendment because I am not going to support it and I think there are a lot of people that are going to feel that way. So I urge your support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 499. All those in favor...what Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: There were some questions about what exactly the amendment did, can I rephrase the question again? All right, don't count my debate off on this. What this amendment does is takes away the two percent county levy, leaves the one percent state levy that it is estimated that could raise up to \$300,000. That is a lot of money. Now it takes away the county option but leaves the state option. That is what this amendment does.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Yes, we are on General File, right. We sure are. General File. Would...Senator Wesely...

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: ...to save time there are five absent at this time.

SENATOR WESELY: I think that we are close enough now. I think...why don't we go ahead and have a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: All right, record what is on the board, Mr. Clerk.