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PRESIDENT: All right. That is good.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, the amendment deals with the 2% that is local option and remember, we are making this local option. It doesn't mean everybody is going to have it but let's assume Douglas County as an example determines that they want this local option to promote conventions, to promote any of the number of things that would maybe increase the tourism business and add to the economy by bringing more people into the state. Let us assume they determine they want this option. This amendment merely makes it very clear and shifts complete control, complete control over the spending of that money, the budgeting, to the elected officials, the county board. You may recall there was previous discussion that the committee which consisted of representatives from the public, representatives from various industries, they appeared to have control over the spending of it. They appeared to have the decision making. We are making it very clear with the amendment they are advisory. They sit there and they say, look, this particular industry or business would be benefitted and the county or the area would be benefitted if we did this or spent some money here but it is the county officials that make the decision. So I would urge you to support the amendment and then I would urge you to advance the bill and I think it does address final legitimate issues that most of the people that were voting against the bill raised. Now I don't expect that Donny Dworak is going to change his mind and vote for the bill. He simply opposes it and more power to him but I think he should vote to adopt this amendment anyway because it does overcome at least one of the problems, one of the criticisms he has had and those of you who do support the bill then, I would hope we could move it without too much more delay because we are rapidly using up our forty-five minutes. Now she is ready with the amendment. She is going to hand it out and I guess that is it.

PRESIDENT: Are they passing out the amendments right now? We will allow everybody a chance to, before we call the vote, allow everybody a chance to read it. The Speaker will not go along with you because they are going to vote this thing up or down one way or another at 10:17 this morning. Amendment on the desk. Read the amendment, Mr. Clerk. We will have the Clerk read this amendment now before we vote on it. One more time, read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the DeCamp amendment reads as follows: (Read DeCamp amendment found on page 558 of the Journal.)

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