

We could return 2% on a prorated basis back to counties who wanted it, who opted for it, to use for their own promotion and use of their attractions and tourism possibilities, and so I think we have the best of both worlds with the bill as introduced and I am not real sure why it was amended in the way it was, the county option, and the other amendments that we have had come up over the course of debate on this bill but I think we have strayed away from the real facts of the matter and the real concerns that we were attempting to address and I think the bill as introduced can really provide the funding we need and the control that we need as well as the accountability that I think we must insist be part of this legislation. There are some problems with the bill as introduced concerning highway signs and some other things but that can all be taken care of. I think we have spent a lot of time on the bill. I don't want to take too much more of it but let's get back to the basics, let's get back to the fundamentals and I think LB 499 as introduced does that. I have talked to some people who are interested in this bill, lodging people, chamber people and what have you, and although there is no formal commitments or anything, I think that they can live with the bill as introduced and would be supportive of what we can accomplish through that bill and so I think that there aren't the problems that may be identified with speakers who may follow me in opposing this bill if it was returned in its original form. So please carefully consider this motion. I think it deals with the problems we have with the bill and I think it comes up with a solution that meets all of our concerns, or I hope it will.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? You will have to withdraw your motion temporarily. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, needless to say, I vigorously oppose the Wesely amendment but I would like to address every issue raised by Senator Wesely. Issue number one, we have spent a lot of time on this bill. Agreed, thanks primarily to Senator Wesely. I think the issue in favor of the bill has been stated fairly clearly, and if you want to check the amendments, any reasonable amendment offered, any reasonable amendment offered has been accepted. Senator Beutler, Senator Warner, Senator Hoagland, Senator Burrows, Senator Fitzgerald, each one of these people had one little area where they thought the bill could be improved. Senator Wesely has referred to these as just confusing and he doesn't understand them. It may be that he doesn't understand them but, indeed, they are not confusing. Senator Beutler and