

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. Chairman, fellow senators, I'm afraid I must stand in opposition to the amendment. This is permissive legislation allowing the counties to assess the tax. Oh, I'm sorry, I've got the wrong amendment. However, as long as I'm standing, I do oppose dropping it from 4 to 2 percent.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, on the amendment. All right. Senator Conway, did you wish to close on the committee amendments, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendments again, since there has been other discussion I'd remind you that it's simply to move the 4 percent figure down to 2 percent.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk? Okay. Senator Hall, I understand we do have other amendments, but would you like to run over the bill for us, briefly? Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I was sneaking in a few minutes on the committee amendments, Mr. President, but I'll continue. Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 262 is my priority bill. I was asked to introduce it on behalf of Douglas County, who has been very active in the tourism industry with regard to Douglas County, both Douglas County and the City of Omaha attractions that cross over with regard to each other. You can see, if you look at the committee statement, the handouts that I gave you, the types of attractions that will benefit from this increase in the lodging tax and the new fund that LB 262 creates. The number of these attractions are attractions that you're very familiar with. Mr. President, could I get a hammer.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) You certainly may. Please hold down the