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lodgings. So we cannot call it a user tax, as such, because other than those who use lodging facilities use these tourist attractions. Would you agree to that?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That others than lodgers use these tourist facilities?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, I would, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not make them charge an admission, then you would have a true user fee.

SENATOR HALL: Because, Senator Chambers, what would happen is that the admission fee would, basically, then become, in some cases I think, prohibitive for many of the local folks who have, through their tax dollars in many cases, supported these facilities...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, because my time is running out.

SENATOR HALL: ...year in and year out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not to cut you off...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired. Mr. Clerk, do we have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Baack, Conway and Bernard-Stevens would move to amend. The amendment is on page 1015 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway, will you handle the amendment?

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members, the amendment, as identified on 1015, basically, is an amendment to alter LB 262 to apply only to, in essence, Douglas County, as the amendment is written, in populations or counties with populations over 300,000. I think, as we have listened to debate, and have heard it in committee and have followed the impetus for this legislation, that the emphasis seems to be on Douglas County. The very...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway, excuse me. (Gavel.) The