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SENATOR SCHMIT: With or without the Conway amendment, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. I believe the answer to that is no, because everything in the bill that relates to the improvement fund talks about the improvement fund of the county. So the improvement fund that is raised in the county can only be spent in that county to improve the facilities, or, if the facilities don't need improving, to lure, entice and trick tourists, suckers and what-not to come into the county and be fleeced of their hard-earned money going to facilities which are not worth what they'd have to pay to go there, because if they were worth anything, you wouldn't have to put on this shell game to get them. Another thing, if Senator Conway's amendment is adopted, Sarpy County sits right next to Douglas County. One of the great promotional ideas they could have is that just come a few more miles, have a lot cheaper costs for accommodations and still make use of all the facilities in Douglas County. So maybe it would be a good promotional tool for Sarpy County if this were limited to Douglas County. One thing that I don't like about the whole bill, in addition to the fact that I'm opposed to putting all the tax on one industry, is that in Douglas County there is not representation of the entire county on the board. There is one socicationomic stratum represented on that board, and that might account for the fact that when a list of facilities and things that the hotel-motel tax could support, it doesn't say this is exhaustive, but the Great Plains Black Museum is not mentioned. Oh, will you show it to me, Senator Hall? Maybe I missed it. Oh, there is another sheet. Okay, Senator Conway showed me another sheet. That was probably a codicil or an addendum to the two-page sheet. Senator Hall said neither. An addendum means in addition to, so since it's not a part of the two-page sheet it's got to be in addition to. But Senator Hall brings us something that stands alone, as he savs. So, Senator Hall, does it take the place of the two-page sheet?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Chambers, the sheet that Senator Conway showed you was one that I thought was also handed out, it was one that we handed out at the committee hearing on the bill, and I will hand that out at this time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. The point, though, still is that it is not good in my mind to limit this to Douglas County. I don't want the county to be able to tax without all people who live in the county having representation of their choice on that county board. We can rectify that before the session is over, but I