

still wouldn't support the tax. But, with the current makeup of the board, I don't approve of any of the taxes they raise at this particular time, or that they levy. I would like to ask Senator Hall one more question, if I may. Senator Hall, would you agree with what I said earlier, that the money raised by this tax can be spent only in the county that raises it?

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, I didn't want to mislead or misread the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute. Senator Korshoj, would you care to discuss the Conway amendment?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I don't know if I'm for or against the amendment. I know how I stand on the bill. It looks to me like when Tim says 50 percent from outstate, or out of state, and 50 percent instate, I probably question his figures a little, but I'm not going to question them vehemently. But the people in Nebraska that stay in the Omaha motels, or Douglas County, they're basically not Douglas County people, they're basically outstate Nebraska people. I can speak a little about the famous lumber association who owns...hold their convention there, a broke organization. (Laughter.) But they are all outstate people. Very few of them probably go to these facilities that are referred to in this bill. I really think it's probably an unfair tax for some of the reasons why I voted against the increase in the tax on cigarettes. We're singling out too small a group of people. The outstate counties do a lot of shopping in Omaha and they pay a 1.5 percent sales tax, extra. I don't hear much gripe or much kick about that because they do get the benefits of the Omaha streets, fire department or "police protection" while they're in town, and I don't hear much gripe about that. They are getting a service for what they are paying. But if you put it on the motels, it is just an unfair tax. So, therefore, I still don't know if I'm for or against the amendment. But, regardless, if it is or isn't adopted, I'm against the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you care to