

most of us, of course, negotiate to a certain extent the room rate that we pay. I can understand just a little bit the industry being concerned, but I want to just recall for you the number of times that the Nebraska Legislature has imposed a tax upon agricultural products for the promotion of that product. I recall when we put the 25-cent once in a life time tax on beef cattle, and I received some rather severe criticism for it. Then later on the Congress passed a \$1 per head on each transaction bill for the livestock industry, and we've been extolling the virtues of that tax ever since. That increased the tax by some, I don't know, 800 or 900 percent, and increased the amount of money available. We do not know yet whether the results are going to be beneficial or otherwise, but the industry today accepts that tax. Incidentally, it's a lot more than the personal tax ever was on the livestock when we had personal tax on cattle. So I don't know whether the industry is justified in their opposition or not. I know that we have given serious tax advantages and disadvantages over the years, and I guess at this point I'm just saying it's one more tool. If we're going to give it to Douglas County, and it looks like we ought to, then we certainly ought to make it available to those counties outstate who might want to use it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Conway, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment I offer is one, everyone should be aware by now, is simply to limit LB 262 and what it offers and the benefits that it would bring to the various tourist attractions and the tourist industry to the, in essence, the Douglas County area. As I've listened to the debate and some of the concerns that have been brought forward I think many of us recognize that many outstaters certainly do contribute. And Senator Korshoj pointed out many of us go to Omaha and through the facilities of the hotel and