

the arts people money. The arts people have got a request into the Appropriations Committee for expansion of their funds, and I think that is the proper way it should go. Rather than single this out to a single industry of the motels, if we are going to do it on that basis, it should be that we go and put it onto the user fee. The City of Omaha has adopted a fee for the use of the...at Rosenblatt Stadium, and at the City Auditorium, and at the Orpheum. It is working very well. It is a 25 cent surcharge. It goes strictly for that purpose and I think that is what should be done with the other, rather than putting it on a motel. So I would oppose the bill, and I have opposed it. I do have a kill motion still pending and will keep it there. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Labeledz and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR HALL: I will waive off.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the reconsideration. I voted against the amendment when we had it on the floor several days ago. This bill, LB 262, unfortunately, is very, very important to Douglas County. As far as the hotel-motel, the money will be used...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, excuse me. (Gavel.) The house is not in order this morning. Proceed.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The hotel and motel people will not be paying these sales tax on the...it will be collected by the people that go to the hotels and motels. If we do what we want to do with the money, the tourist attractions in Douglas County will be so much greater that there will be a lot more business for the hotel and motel. It is not any money out of their pocket whatsoever. It is for the tourists that will be coming through Douglas County, and the conventions that we hold. But please be assured that the money will be used for strictly tourist attractions, not for any capital construction, and I know there was a lot of talk and publicity in the newspaper that this money probably would be used to build a convention center, and that is not true. And I, specifically, will tell you that I will vote against anything that would allow them to use this money to build any type of convention center or the purchase of