

Ak-Sar-Ben or whatever. I firmly believe that the other states in the United States that I have attended conventions, and I know you have also, have paid a tremendous amount of sales tax on the hotels-motels that we stay at during these conventions, and nobody even notices that it is two, four, six, and as high as 10 percent in some cases. When you add the sales tax that you also collect from the restaurants and gift shops at the hotel-motel, they certainly are not lacking for any extra revenue when we send people to other states and we have to pay a high percentage of the hotel-motel tax to stay there for a couple of days. So Douglas County is asking for a slight increase in the hotel motel tax. If this is reconsidered it will only pertain to Douglas County and the county board will have to approve whether or not the increase will pertain in that particular county, and it won't affect any other county in the State of Nebraska if we reconsider this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wehrbein is pleased to announce some guests visiting in the north balcony. We have 16 fourth grade students from Murdock Public School in Murdock, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you very much, we're glad to have you with us. Further discussion on the motion to reconsider. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple comments and I guess I'm speaking to maybe a few of the members that are a little bit newer than I am, and I'm not...haven't been here that often. But to me the reconsideration vote that we have today is not a vote on whether you agree with the amendment, it's not a vote on whether you agree with the bill, it's not a vote on whether this amendment may cause this to happen, or we're going to have another amendment offered by Senator Lindsay and others that would exclude Ak-Sar-Ben. This vote doesn't have anything to do with that, in my opinion. You know, Senator Crosby and others, I think this vote on the reconsideration is simply to say in a representative form of government, when we have an issue that is important to a part of our state or to a group of people within the body, doesn't deserve a fair hearing, doesn't deserve a chance, with the majority of people here, a chance to be up or down, yes, this is what the body agrees upon. As I stated earlier, I am not a big fan of LB 262. I was not in committee and I'm certainly not now, but I do believe that LB 262 deserves a fair shot and the amendment process, in this case, is an