

must fight for every dollar that they can in order to maintain themselves and also to try and keep the costs, when they do assess a cost, down. So I think the people who are going to pay the tax in many cases are folks who are used to paying, as travelers, much higher lodging tax when they travel the metropolitan areas the size of Omaha or larger. I think that in this case it goes for a...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...much needed and a very worthwhile purpose. I would urge the body to oppose Senator Beyer's motion to indefinitely postpone LB 262. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Korshoj, please.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker, members, I'm not going to talk about the bill itself. I want to get something in the record. I want to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Certainly.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: I just want to get this in the record. You said it's very unfair to Tim that the attendance was very low when this vote come up. I've been thinking we always have about 27 to 30 people on the floor at all times, we're all elected under the same laws, the same commitment were made. Do you think it is fair to the people who are here day after day, on time, morning, afternoon, and stay here and listen, do you think it's fair to us for the same people to never be on the floor?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I think, Senator, what you're referring to is an interesting philosophical question, particularly...

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Yes or no, please, you can respond on your own time. Do you think it's fair?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'd have to say it depends.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay, that's fine. I don't think it's fair because I was elected just like you people. I have a thousand reasons I shouldn't be here every day and every day, every hour.