

I've got a business at home that needs me, costs me money every day to be here. But when I got elected I got committed to this job, and the job is to be on the floor. There's times you can't be here, but when we're so short and the Speaker says call, come up, let's vote, let's do some business, we waste hour after hour, I think it's unfair to the people in the Chair and I want it in the record for that very purpose. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair wants to take a moment to introduce at this point some very, very special guests who are examining our American system of government. We have four legislators from the Republic of Togo under the south balcony, Togo a country in Africa is one of the few republics in the world to enjoy the same unicameral system of government that Nebraska enjoys. As I introduce these people would they stand individually, please, and be recognized. Mr. Bouraima, Assistant Director of the School of Agronomy from the capitol of Togo. Mr. Teke, Administrative Secretary and Chief of the section for the control of all imported medical supplies for the Togolese National Pharmacies. Mr. Baeta, Secretary General of the Longe town council in Longe, Togo. And Mr. Kougouloua, secondary school teacher in Longe. And, of course, with their escort and interpreter from the U.S. Department of State, Mr. Max Demiray. Thank you, gentlemen, for taking your time to visit with us this morning. We hope you can come back again another day and welcome. Additional discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Hall and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I wasn't going to talk on this, but I thought well, I just as well since everybody else is talking on it. But, Senator Hall, if you're listening I would like to see if I'm correct. First the motels charge a 4 percent sales tax.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Then the motels in Douglas County charge a city sales tax of 1.50 percent. Then I believe we have a motel tax of 3 percent, so that brings it up to 8.50 percent. Then this bill, as amended, would add another 2 percent.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: So that would make a total of 10.50 percent.