

being an issue for the vast majority of people who are going to use a hotel or a motel in order to stay the night. So I think clearly what you have here is an area where...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...the industry does not like collecting the tax, they all have to collect it in Douglas County under this bill, but they all promote these attractions, they all use their fliers, their material in their rooms when you walk into a hotel or a motel and promote it. And they advertise on the interstate we're only 5 minutes from the zoo, we're only 10 minutes from downtown, we're only 5 minutes from the ball park. They live off these attractions, but yet they don't want to play a part in the maintenance and upkeep, and that is not fair. All we're asking is that they collect the tax, it be used to keep these attractions in good, fine shape so that the citizens of this state and the tourists that visit have the ability to see these facilities that are there and that we are all very proud of. I would urge the body to reject the Beyer motion to indefinitely postpone LB 262. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm just going to take part, again for the record, to comment to Senator Korshoj, and I won't take very long because I don't want to take away from the general debate on the indefinite postpone motion by Senator Beyer. Senator Korshoj raises an interesting question, and of course Senator Korshoj talks about fairness and is it fair. And, of course, he won't give time to respond and he takes a very complex issue and says I want to take it to a yes and no, like a prosecuting attorney, and I find that an interesting analysis...technique, particularly when we're talking about fairness. But in all fairness I think I'd like to respond at least to the record. The issue is a very interesting issue because Senator Korshoj is saying for those people who were here and present that were the only people in the body who apparently were dedicated to their duties, the only people who are dedicated enough to sit and listen, the rest of us who were gone obviously, apparently had no dedication to our jobs or duties, what have you, regardless of the reasons we were gone, that the minority should be able to speak for the majority. And I think to take the position that Senator Korshoj is taking, and