

SENATOR ASHFORD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That won't be necessary, Senator Ashford. Thank you. We have no other lights on. For purposes of closing on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, Senator Beyer, please.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we've had a lot of good debate, a lot of valid points raised. But I think you've got to remember the most valid point of this is that we are again, and I have no problem with the arts. I would support the arts and everything. But here we are eroding our tax base. Any time that we add onto this we seem to have a problem of raising the sales tax because we've added onto another entity somewhere in the state. Also, this is a tax increase to the citizens of the state, because a little bit over 50 percent, according to Senator Hall's figures, are Nebraska residents that come in and spend their money with the motels, and the majority of that is in Omaha. So it is another increase to the state. Yesterday we debated the taking off the sales tax for Joslyn Museum, which is another Omaha entity. There again it's an erosion of our state tax base. I don't think that any of us here that are arguing for the kill motion are unsupportive of the arts, we're just looking at the fact that we're eroding our tax base. So, with that, I would appreciate your support of the indefinite postpone motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Sir. The question is the indefinite postpone of LB 262. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. Have you all voted? Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: (Mike not activated.) ...call of the house and a roll call vote so we have it on record, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Clear the board, Mr. Clerk. The question before the body is, shall the house go under call? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please return to your seats and record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Members outside the Legislative Chamber please return. While waiting for members to