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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Which...where are you at, Senator?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm...I'm in the definition of state tax revenue, on page...bottom of the page, numbering 2.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, that is...you're correct, that...I'm sorry, yes. Okay, that is the state...that is the hotel tax.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I notice the last time I went to a state convention, I don't remember...or to a convention, that the hotel tax was fairly high. Now that we're attracting or trying to attract regional, national conventions, does it make some sense to look at our hotel tax and perhaps make it higher?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There...I don't know whether Douglas County's tax is maxed out or not. Counsel is telling me that Douglas County's is maxed out at the maximum allowable rate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Which is...which is what? I don't know what that is.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think it's five, five.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think in other places in the country, for example, I've run into 8 and 9 and 10 percent hotel taxes. Is that....

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, yeah, okay, now we're getting things cleared up. The total tax in Douglas County is 5 percent, 1 for the state, 4 for Douglas County.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, I just...I was just wondering whether anything was being done or thought of in that regard, that might...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That was not...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...soak the out-of-"staters" a little more, I