

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 14, 2003 LB 99

facilities. It requires the visitors committee under the Nebraska Visitors Development Act to have either five or seven members, and it says if the visitors committee has five members, at least one but not more than two members will be in the hotel industry. If the committee has seven members, at least two but no more than three members of the committee will be in the hotel industry. Currently, two members of the hotel industry sit on a visitors committee, irrespective of whether it's five members or seven members, and we did hear testimony that in some of the smaller counties in Nebraska there is difficulty in finding two members of the hotel industry. They may have a hotel and a bed and breakfast and that's it in their county, and they have trouble finding them to sit on the committee. On the other hand, we heard testimony that the larger communities would like an additional representative from the hotel industry on their seven-member committees, so this amendment provides flexibility to county boards on these appointments to the visitors committees. With that, Mr. Chairman, I would...or Mr. Speaker, I would return my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Tyson, you're recognized on the committee amendments.

SENATOR TYSON: Okay. Mr. Speaker, I'll give my time to Senator Hartnett. I don't want to speak on the committee amendments. I want to speak on the bill itself, so I'll just pass that on to him. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think...Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think the committee amendments that Senator Schimek has brought forward are agreeable with me and so I would ask that the body adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: There are no further lights on with respect to the committee amendments. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. Senator Schimek waives closing on the committee amendments. The question then before us is the adoption of AM0140, committee amendments, to LB 99. All in favor vote aye.