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voicing all those noble ideas, you are going to be comfortable in the presence of discrimination against your brothers and sisters which would deny them the wherewithal to provide for their families. Mr. President, manifesting an un-Christian attitude, I'm not going to take this to a vote. I would like to withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: It is withdrawn, Senator Chambers. I see no further discussion on LB 99. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close. Excuse me, Senator Hartnett, your light is on, followed by a couple of others now.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. I will...in my county, I'm...the only one that has this right, right now, is Douglas County. In my county, both, I think, both the county board and the hotel industry favor this because in my county it's permissive legislation. The county, I think my county, if this bill passed, will put the two additional percent on simply because we see it, in my county, which is a border county, with Lewis and Clark coming we need to fix up our facilities. We need to get ready, more funds for promotion of the Lewis and Clark event which will occur in 2004. So with that, I just simply rise to support LB 99.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I rise for two purposes: number one, to state my support for LB 99, and I urge you all to vote for it on to Select; secondly, I will tell you that I do have a concern, and I've spoken with the committee Chairman about it and we have agreed that we will work on language. My concern is simply this. If you will read the bill, you will see that there is a possibility that some of this money could go to a casino, were that catastrophe ever to strike Nebraska. I would like to work with the committee Chairman and others to draft language that would prevent that and that alone. Other than that one relatively small portion of the bill, I am wholeheartedly in support of this and I urge everyone to vote for it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Erdman.