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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. If I could ask Senator Hartnett a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Hartnett, would you yield, please?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Hartnett, I have a letter, distributed from the Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Um-hum.

SENATOR ERDMAN: As I read...tell me if this is correct or not. As I read this, it says the Metropolitan Hotel Association, representing the Douglas County hotels and motels, reviewed LB 99 and, with minor modifications you made at their request, supports the bill, which would be LB 99, including the 2 percent tax?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: It's my understanding, of discussing with their representative, that is not an accurate statement. Do you know anything about that?

SENATOR HARTNETT: This is the executive director of the Omaha Convention and Visitors thing. I think...I think maybe the association as a whole don't support it. As I said earlier, Senator Erdman, my...talking to my hotel people in my district or in my county, they do support the bill...

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...because they see it, it's permissive legislation. A county, your county, I don't know what your county is.

SENATOR ERDMAN: I've got eight of them.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Eight of them. They don't have to do this at