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more people you're going to have come staying at your places of business. So I know a city in my district that has a shortage of facilities for people to stay in. There's getting to be more and more attractions around that community all the time. I can think of one particular area that does bring... event that brings a considerable amount of people into that city. They need some funding at that facility. That would have to come to the county, or to that visitors bureau, and ask for a request for funds from the amount of money that's generated by this extra two cents. And I think it's a win-win situation for everyone. The one particular event that I'm looking at, I know that they do have the optional county tax that they can impose on events. But that does take a vote of the people within that county to levy that. Senator Wehrbein brought that bill to us several years ago. Well, I guess not several years ago; a couple of years ago anyway. And I could see where that was going to be a benefit also to counties who are up against a rock and a hard place in infrastructure, roads and so on, that a special event would bring into that community. So, Senator Louden, I'm going to be supporting your bill and the way it's amended with Senator Schimek's amendment. I think someone from that industry does need to sit on that board. So I think it's a fine piece of legislation, and I will be supporting it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Mines, Schimek, Beutler, Stuthman, and Stuhr.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Louden a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Louden, I haven't had a chance to engage you in discussion on the mike this session so far. How do you feel this morning? (Laughter)

SENATOR LOUDEN: Pardon?