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SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do you feel this morning?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, I always feel good every morning when I get up and go.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this morning is no exception, I hope.

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, no exception.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Senator Louden, under the current law, there's a 1 percent tax on all hotel accommodations that go to some state visitor promotion group, or fund. Is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, are you talking about the County Visitors Promotion Fund? Is that what you're talking about?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, the state already imposes a 1 percent tax on all hotel facilities. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR LOUDEN: That I don't...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, for the state's tourist promotion fund. And the reason I'm saying that, this bill says that, in addition to that 1 percent, this 2 percent would be tacked on. So there is a 1 percent tax on these facilities in the other parts of the state already. This 2 percent will raise that to 3 percent, isn't that correct, if the governing board decides to do this?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, at the present time, all of the...the counties have the privilege of having a 2 percent Visitors Promotion Fund. Now, not all of the counties have it. There's about 36 counties that don't bother to even levy that 2 percent. What this bill does is makes it so that they...everybody can do like Douglas County, where you're from. Your county already has the privilege to levy the extra 2 percent for a Visitors Improvement Fund, which, it's up to the county to decide what they want to do to improve some of their tourist facilities. The rest of the state was never allowed to do that when the bill was passed in 1980. They put in a clause in there that said any county that had less than 300,000 population.