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Lancaster County who would oppose any kind of an increased tax to be collected. On the other hand, I'm sure that there would be people who would think it would be a good thing, that we could actually use that increased tax money to do the kinds of things we need to do to make a visitor's visit in Lincoln even more pleasant than it is now. So I think this is a local option bill. I don't think that it's the state of Nebraska coming in and imposing something on the counties that is one size fit all. I think it really gives a lot more flexibility to counties. So I would ask you to advance this bill to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized. Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wanted to speak quickly in support of the bill. I think others have already emphasized the fact that this is not a question of whether you want to tax or not. This is a question of how you feel about the relationship of the state to local political subdivisions on this question, and whether you want to make all of those subdivisions equal in terms of their abilities to function in this particular area. I simply wanted to remind you that we're not talking about new things or new developments, because the law is limited to existing facilities and attractions. It says that the fund shall be used to make grants for expanding and improving facilities at any existing visitor attraction. And you can use it for improvements and additions, but it all relates to existing facilities. So it's not a broad new mandate in that regard. And visitor attractions, in case people were interested, is defined in the statute to mean a defined location open to the public which location is of educational, cultural, historical, artistic, or recreational significance, and then it goes on. But I guess the point is, it looks like it would be useful to a broad cross section of communities, in one way or another, if their local Visitors Promotion Advisory Board and the county board themselves felt that it was appropriate to use the two cents. Let me tell you, though, that Douglas County really uses it to their advantage. Last year, they approved assistance to over 35 different projects in their community to draw visitors, things like the Henry Doorly Zoo and the Durham Western Heritage Museum, the