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counties...and it is going to be locally controlled. Another example: Our three counties--Seward County, York County, and Hamilton County--have gone together in a promotion of all three counties, which is, I think, a great idea, trying to promote each other's counties. And someone said, well, they only stay...they don't have enough tourist things in their county to stay more than one day. But if you get several counties promoting what they have in their counties, families will come and stay for two or three days. So I'm opposing the amendment, and am very strong support of the bill.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. (Visitors introduced.) Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I...once again, I do want to say that I plan to pull the amendment. But I do want to at least provide my experience of serving on a visitors advisory committee prior to my time in the Legislature. And visitors committee was...visitors advisory committee was exactly that, it was advisory, and that the county board was...had the ultimate signature on the check and "pay to the order of." So the county board called the shots, in terms of how those monies were spent, within the purview of tourism promotion. I mean, statutorily those had to be spent that way. But we were always told that we were advisory only to the county board, because we were appointed by the county board. And for that matter, I just wanted to, I guess, offer my perspective on that issue. Once again, I hope that we can use local control, the term "local control," wisely. And when we say it's local control, I hope there aren't any strings attached, as there are in this bill. And again, I haven't taken a final position on the bill itself, but I think that it does provide an opportunity to discuss some items of local control, of local matters that pertain to a statewide matter. And when we look at aid to counties, when we look at aid to any local communities and how that's affected...and I hear from constituents a lot of, how can we bring in dollars from out of state with, you know, our tax policy? This does look at that. This does work toward that. But it also concerns me when we as a community in western Nebraska are competing for overnight stays of motor coaches, when 30 miles up the road the tax might be a little different.