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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 306, entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 67.1177, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to certain hotel and motel taxes.

I disapprove of House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 306. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 306 shifts the burden of collecting this locally enacted transient guest tax onto the Missouri Department of Revenue. The proposed change from local collection would needlessly result in a more disruptive enforcement process for the local citizenry. This local tax should be collected by local officials with knowledge of the area and better positioned to administer the program in a fair and consistent manner. State government involvement is both unwarranted and unnecessary.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 306 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon".

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor