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PRESIDENT: OK. The "E" clause is added. Now we will take the other amendments. I think they can be separated out. Would you read the first amendment? Would you read the first amendment?

CLERK: You want me to read it? Read.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Waldron, do you wish to be heard on this amendment?

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, may I have Senator Carpenter's attention. I'd like to say to you that LB 111 is a very important bill and this amendment that he proposes for the delivery at the same price all over the state is an amendment that he has tried many years before and it has always been killed. Now I'd like to see the provisions of 111 passed but I hope Senator Carpenter is not going to overload this bill so that we lose this bill and 366 at the same time. That's the only thing I fear, Senator. Not that I disagree with what you are trying to do here but sometimes you can get so much on one bill that it goes down, as we have done previously this session.

SENATOR CARPENTER: (Inaudible) reply to the Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, you may respond.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The only opposition this bill faces is what? The seven wholesalers. The greediest group of wholesalers this state has ever seen.

SENATOR WALDRON: And the motor carriers.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What.

SENATOR WALDRON: And the motor carriers.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, they have nothing to be concerned about because they can deliver the lines like they are now. It's one of a state of apprehension in which, because of the peculiar instance where two lobbyists have a continuity of opinion they are cross-supporting each other for different reasons. All I am saying and this is true. The only people really against this bill is the wholesale liquor dealers in the state of Nebraska and let's be honest. I called one of them today who is the President and I said, you'd better get off my back. You'd better get off of this bill and leave it alone because the reason others want it. Now if you want to put it in focus, do you want to follow seven retailers who this body under my leadership admittedly have give them more than any other state in this Union has in the area in which they have an obligation to serve the public interest, or do you want to represent, I don't know, I think there is about 2700 licensees. I am just guessing at the figure. Everyone of them are interested and I would say 9 out of 10 want this bill in this form. Now if you don't want to adopt the amendment, let's just kill the bill. Then we'll freeze people in that don't want to be froze in it.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Carpenter, I know this proposal has failed

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