

The motion will then be taken up tomorrow. Are there objections to handling the bill that way? Any objections? Senator Kelly do you object? Are there any objections. Hearing none, it is so ordered. It will be done that way then fine. Are there other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Read motion regarding LB616

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Now Mr. President, this is the liquor bill and it increases the rates equalizes the rates on booze across the state and as I understand it it requires a 15% mark-up. I want to assure you that I don't make this motion lightly. This is an important bill and it is an important bill for every consumer in this state. Every consumer of booze. In my estimation that would be 3 out of 4. Give or take a little. I told Senator Carpenter that I was going to do this. To the best of my knowledge Senator Carpenter introduced this bill as he does a number of bills at the request of certain people. Senator Carpenter has done a lot of people favors in this state and in this legislature. I have no particular desire to get into his hair but I have done a lot of thinking about this and let me tell you just for a moment the pressure on me for something like this. In 1964 when I was trying to get elected, there was a gentleman in Millard who was a trash hauler. We got to visiting one time and he said Dick, how would you like me to put two big signs on my trash hauling trucks Proud for the Legislature. I could think of nothing better because he calls on a lot of homes in that area. He put them on and then they threatened my opponents or his supporters, maybe not my opponent, I don't know who threatened to tear them off of his truck and they got very angry with him and he held fast. I think that they did tear them off and he put them back on. Who do you suppose I got a call from. He has never asked me to do anything, but he almost put his life on the line for me and he certainly did put himself in danger. Who do you think I got a call from, the same gentleman asking me to vote for LB616. So it's not easy for me to make a decision like this, but in my judgment this bill is absolutely against the consuming public. I can not understand how any member of this legislature except possibly those in the western part of the state can vote for it. I can't understand how anyone can vote for a bill to raise the price of a product to the consumer. Now if this some of this money that is going to cost the consumer would go into the public till that might be different. I would still be against it, but who is it going to go to? It is going to go to the tavern owners. Now I voted for bills for tavern owners. Many of them are my friends but this bill is against the public interests and it will haunt you and haunt you. If you vote for it because there is no consumer whether that consumer be a light consumer or a heavy consumer of alcoholic beverages who can be in favor of this bill. I don't know what it will raise the cost. I don't know the amount of cost, I don't know how much it will raise the price of this product but it is going to raise it and a man or woman who wants a drink, a small libation whatever, what is he or she care about? The price. This is going to raise that price and once again and no way can I understand how anybody in the eastern half of this state that that propose to represent the people can vote for this bill. I'm not only going to...I'm putting the kill motion on it now, and if it survives this kill motion, which I suppose