

and twenty thousand dollars. That is how valuable they consider those licenses. To even suggest that the tavern owners are going broke is a gross exaggeration. They are making money, don't think that they are not. How do they make most of their money? I'll tell you how. Across the bar. You can't go into a chain grocery store and buy a drink of booze, you have to go to a tavern. They have got a good deal going, they know that they have got it going, I don't mind them having it but to give them the monopoly is clearly wrong and it is against every consumer in this state.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall the bill be returned? All those in favor of returning LB616 for a specific amendment will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. This is for the return of the bill only. Motion is to return LB616 to Select File for a specific amendment, that be to strike the enacting clause. This is to return the bill only. Once again the Chair would inquire have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Nore requesting a record vote.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud asking for a roll call vote. That is allowed under the rules of the legislature. That is likewise automatic. OK, Clerk will clear the board, we will have a roll call vote.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 16 ayes, 20 nays and 13 not voting. (Vote appears on page 1075 of the Legislative Journal).

PRESIDENT: Motion to return LB616 to Select File for specific amendment fails.

CLERK: Read reports and motions.

PRESIDENT: Chair would also like the privilege of introducing to the body today, we have 31 Hamilton County farm bureau members, and they are seated in the North Balcony. They are from Senator Kremer's district. The president of the County Farm Bureau out there is Larry Eppen. We are delighted that you have chosen to come down today to see the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature in action. This is where the action is in Nebraska today and it is a good time for you to be here to see open discussion and the only body of its kind in the United States. We probably have the distinction of having the most open and available to the people discussions, debate, participation by people in state government than any state in the nation. We will take the back seat to none. We hope that you will enjoy your visit to the capital city likewise. To this building which still ranks as one of the ten architectural wonders of the world. Now what other motions do we have on the desk? OK, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I have signed 641, 694, 734, 779, 784, 796, 813, 822, 829, 893, and 924.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marvel asked to be excused at eleven o'clock.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to his absence at 11:00? Hearing none so ordered.