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SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just want to make a comment about this. I've been listening to this oddball debate on this bill by some. And some of the very people that have been standing up here and saying the state shouldn't interfere with legislation on this and just about a week ago, they were saying the state should interfere and set prices on LB616. And not only that, set how much the freight rates should be and I think even the introducer has been on both sides now of freedom, restriction, freedom, etc. This is really something on the consistency of some members of this Legislature. I was interested in Senator Nore, for instance. Today he's for no restrictions. A week he was for LB616 and all the restriction we could give them. I wish these people in the debate here would land someplace.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I was wondering if Senator Simpson would yield to a couple of questions.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Simpson, does this bill cover all licenses like on-sale and off-sale facilities as well, does your bill?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Any retail or bottle club license.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, in your amendments now, if a county has reached a limit as to the number of licenses, no one can acquire a new license? Is that correct?

SENATOR SIMPSON: If they're up to their limit, why they could apply but they wouldn't get it.

SENATOR FOWLER: Now were there any exceptions that you wrote into that?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes, we did write exceptions and these exceptions have to do with the buying a business and you could take a license now. You could buy the business and then you wouldn't be prevented from getting a renewal of such a license and also on the...where there'd be a hotel start up that this hotel would be outside of the limits on this also. Plus, within the county, why you could not eliminate from any one town or city of having a license.

SENATOR FOWLER: Is there a particular reason that you put hotels as opposed to restaurants or any other business in as an exception?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, yes, the real reason is that across the state they're building a series of sleeping accommodations for people that are traveling the state and finding in talking to these people that they just can't make it go unless they can have a lounge in a new unit being put up. And that's specifically the reason is across the state where people are travelling through.

SENATOR FOWLER: Could you tell me how many counties have not reached the limit that you have in your bill?

SENATOR SIMPSON: I couldn't tell you exactly that but I can tell you Lancaster just about comes out exactly right.