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time it gets over there, we will hear as to whether or not these particular situations are agreeable or not.

SENATOR BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I want to make one more comment, Mr. President, to clarify something else. In the amendment, it specifically states nothing in this section shall operate to void any agreement between the establishment and the retailer to the contrary. In other words, they can make private agreement any way they want to, to be paid a year later, if everybody agrees to it. So there is nothing in here to preclude that from happening. Is this correct, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Dickinson. We did provide for that sort of an agreement.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you. That is all I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, Senator Skarda was on his feet here just a few minutes ago, and I rode down with him an hour ago and he was smiling and happy, and he has chosen to take me on this morning and I have to correct him in his information. I was not amongst the 25 who placed the cash beer in and I will go check the records and show you. I was not that 25th vote, but I also say, Senator Skarda, the beer business and the liquor business is a controlled business. C-o-n-t-r-o-l-l-e-d. Controlled. It is controlled because from the time that you wake up in the morning you can't walk into that beer parlor until six in the morning because this Legislature says so. This Legislature also tells you what time you close at nights. It tells you what age limits you sell. It tells everything about the liquor business or the beer business. Now that doesn't happen in the gasoline stations and it shouldn't happen in the meat markets and I hope that each and every one of you, as you go back home this weekend and you look at the butcher, and you look to the retail clerk, and as you start paying your cash, you are going to begin to tell him that you are also going to control how he goes and buys his meat. Senator Schmit, it is very possible that a lot of them will start buying it in Iowa, from the small meat packers, and, Senator Schmit, they will buy it from Missouri because they have these small plants, and, Senator Schmit, they will buy it from Kansas, and if you want to drive the small packers out of this greater area and you want to give the business to our sister states, and you are very good at this because you are Chairman of the Task Force on Food, Fabric, Fiber, Agriculture. You are an expert in this. Senator Schmit, I am amazed that you are trying to take the poor little retailer, just the little retailer and you are trying to put him up there with the big beef packer. You got all of the work done last year on these bills. We all helped you, so why should we take the momma and papa stores, why should