

hold bills over and hold them in

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President do you want me to respond?

PRESIDENT: Well you have got a....I don't care.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I would ask unanimous consent to hold the bill in its present position.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none it is held. Thank you.

CLERK: Read LB176.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the body. This bill is basically a bill to harmonize statutes. Presently we have situations where liquor establishments, lounges which do not serve food must have their premise open to view, we are removing that requirement because strict enforcement of that law is not feasible in most instances. The law now states that the entire floor has to be open to view and because of the many buildings it is just virtually impossible. However, if you serve food in the establishment the requirement does not affect you. It also states that you have to have curtains opened so that you can...so that someone can be able to look into the premise. You have to have adequate lighting. Adequate lighting is taken care of in liability, if I'm a lounge owner I'm going to have adequate lighting so that I can avoid any liability actions. The bill is enforced to different degrees in different areas. It depends upon the particular liquor commissioner in your area. What is enforced in my district is not evidently enforced here in Lancaster County. It is an arbitrary law and basically it has boiled down to being nothing but a nuisance in some areas. I would move...there have been no committee amendments, no amendments to the bill and I would move for its advancement to E & R.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I oppose the bringing of this bill to the floor of the Legislature. If you will look and see the only one who testified in favor of this bill were those that operated...was Larry Mahler a lounge owner in Fremont and the opposition was brought by the Chief of Police in Fremont, I believe it was the Chief of Police in Fremont and Norfolk saying that when they got a call for a disturbance in a bar or liquor store and came up and found out that they could not look inside to see what kind of a disturbance was going on that they had no idea as to what was going on when they opened that door what kind of thing they were getting into and they would like to look into the bar and find out what is going on. I certainly support the police in this department, in this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee heard this bill and I would be honest in saying that it did provide some chuckles at the time. It is not an important bill, it was passed out of committee because we felt that once you know the full considerations of the matter it maybe is wise in this case to