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with his amendment, is not going to solve the problem. I suggest to you that a third of the young people in this county, a third of the young people in this state, live within five to ten miles of Iowa where it is readily accessible, readily accessible to each and everyone of those young people. We are going to guarantee that they are going to get on the road. We are going to guarantee that they go from Bellevue across the Bellevue bridge and buy alcohol. We are going to guarantee that they go across the South Omaha bridge and get in those cars. The danger to young people, the number one danger to young people is the fact that they are mobile in terms of cars and Senator Kelly has an amendment to make sure that the eastern young person, if he is trying to procure alcohol, is going to get in his car and drive across the bridge to drink or to procure it and that is where the sadness is going to come in. That is where the tragedy is going to be. I know Senator Kelly's issues are far beyond Grand Island in terms of his compassionate and concern about this issue but he is going to put them on the road. I have said in the committee a hundred times and I have said in the hearings that I am for tough enforcement. I mean really tough enforcement of those that procure alcohol for minors. Make the penalty whatever you wish. Put them in the jail. Fine them two or three or four thousand dollars. That is the resolution of the issue and put some teeth in it, but if you really want to do something to make sure that no one that doesn't have some streaks of gray in his temples can drink and then you accept my amendment, and if you accept my amendment, that amendment is probably stronger than Senator Kelly's because it makes certain that none of that occurs. Now, Mr. President, after those remarks, I think I have made my point, and Senator Reutzel would be mad at me, he just passed his 27th birthday, I withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Do you have anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Reference Report referring LB 951 and 952. Mr. President, a communication from me to the Governor asking for the return of LB 574 will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See page 1059.) Mr. President, Legislative Resolution 173 introduced by Senator Stoney. Read. (See page 1060, Legislative Journal.) That should properly be laid over. Mr. President, Legislative Resolution 174 introduced by Senator DeCamp. Read. (See pages 1060 and 1061, Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, Senator Frank Lewis asks unanimous consent to print three different amendments to LB 877 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, Senator DeCamp asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 665 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, your committee on Public Works whose Chairman is Senator Kremer to whom was referred LB 785 instructs me to report same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments. Mr. President, Senator George asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 867 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, Senator Reutzel asks unanimous consent to bracket LB 612 until March 7.

PRESIDENT: No objection, it is so ordered. Do you have anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

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