

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members of the body, these are the sections that I was speaking of. Now this has already had a public hearing in Miscellaneous subjects and as Senator Dworak told you, there are way way too many problems in this area. Now you take a little Honda station wagon. You can reach in the back clear to the back end of the car and get it but it's not allowed in this bill. You're not allowed to carry it in that compartment if it is accessible at all to the driver. Like I stated, if I were an opponent and dirty enough to do it, maybe I am, I don't know, but I would certainly throw an empty bottle in there or a half empty bottle in it and if you don't think that would be embarrassing to some person running for Governor like the Lieutenant Governor has a van right now, what a horribly embarrassing thing that would be to him to do a thing like this without his knowledge and it does not say in here you have to have any knowledge of it at all. Certainly, he would have to defend himself or anyone else. I'm not picking on the Lieutenant Governor but anyone else would have to defend themselves in it. It is strictly a harassment type thing. That's all it is and I move to take it out.

PRESIDENT: You don't have any plans, do you, Senator Clark?

SENATOR CLARK: No, I don't.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to make it clear that I did not ask for the provisions of LB 752 to be incorporated in the DeCamp amendments but since they are there and since Senator Clark is bringing up some erroneous information, I would like to correct it right here and now. The bill was held and is held in Committee. I do have amendments to correct the non-intoxicating malt liquor provisions. They have been up on the desk for some time waiting to get to them. I also, Senator Clark, as you know, and this is what disturbs me a little bit. I also have presented amendments to you that correct the very problems that you just raised and they were presented to the full Committee after the hearing after hearing some of the comments that you legitimately raised. For instance, the language that is in the amendment that is on the desk says, the rear of the vehicle beyond the reach of the driver or any passenger in the front seat. I really wasn't too enthused about engaging in this dialogue right now but since I'm in the middle of it here without having any say about being in it, let's talk about the subject. As a matter of fact, law enforcement people in my district and I meet at least annually as a group to discuss some of the problems that are facing law enforcement officials and one of their continuing concerns that has come to me each of the last three years is the increasing number of people that are on our highways drinking, daytime, nighttime especially on the interstate highway system. Our State Patrol is quite concerned for instance, and I'm talking about the individual members and you know that Colonel Karthaus came and he said he would have come of his own volition if I hadn't asked him because this is a serious problem. Now most people in this state think that we have a prohibition against drinking in a vehicle. That's not true. I beg your pardon. I misspoke. We have no prohibition against having an open bottle of beer or liquor in the vehicle. That's something that surprises a lot of people. They do, of course, in Kansas and when a Kansan gets pulled over in Nebraska with an open bottle in his vehicle the State Patrol says he goes into