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SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak to this amendment or not? Senator Beutler, then Senator Hefner. Senator Beutler...okay. Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak about the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to share with you again the feelings of the committee. We took testimony and we just felt that spirits should not be sold any sooner than 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. We felt that we didn't want to broaden the hours or extend the hours that spirits could be sold and that was the expression of the committee members.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I guess I'm trying to follow the discussion that Senator Hefner and Senator DeCamp and maybe others are confused too. Senator Hefner, maybe you could answer and Senator DeCamp might if he wants to. What is the situation now and what is proposed to be changed? Like, I know in Lincoln, for instance, we have a local option and we allow now, through a vote of the people, liquor after six o'clock till I guess, I don't know when, till midnight or something, so that's now an option that we have. How does this change it? I don't quite understand what is happening here. Could you explain it a little better?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Wesely, I'll try to explain that. Right at the present time the present statute says that you can serve beer and wine from twelve noon on Sundays and hard liquor or spirits after 6:00 p.m. This is a state statute.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: This bill, as Senator DeCamp has it, says that these establishments would be able to serve hard liquor at noon with a local option.

SENATOR WESELY: Presently the...at twelve o'clock, the six o'clock situation that you talked about, that's also local