

or a glass of wine? We are not even discussing...I mean the bill isn't even saying it is mandated. By golly, everybody is going to have to drink that stuff after six o'clock. We are just saying, shall we let grown adults decide for themselves what is best in their own community? So that is what the vote really comes down to. Are you going to have...are you going to allow people, in their own community, like Senator Howard Lamb's community, and Senator Hefner's community, if their community doesn't believe in drinking peppermint schnapps after six o'clock, if they don't believe in a grasshopper, or something made with ice cream and peppermint schnapps, let them vote against it. But let's recognize the fact that these are adults. They are not children. So let's let the people decide and forget this hog wash about drinking on Sunday. What you are really voting on is shall the people rule, shall the people rule, shall the people decide for themselves, or shall one senator get up and offer an amendment, or two senators, or three saying I know what is best for those people out there and they ought not have the right to decide for themselves. We are getting to the point where anymore I don't know why we don't just regulate what they ought to do from the moment they get up until the moment they go to bed. We have so little faith in their own ability to judge for themselves. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't really think the issue is one of local option, of city councils making a determination as to whether there will be drinking or anything else. It is a matter of Ak-Sar-Ben getting what Ak-Sar-Ben wants. Ak-Sar-Ben is a noxious or noisome octopus with tentacles that extend throughout the state. I think if Omaha is going to be subjected to this beast, the entire state should be. So there is no need in snipping off some of the tentacles in an attempt to restrict the damage that this octopus can do. If what it is doing is harmful to Omaha, every citizen in the state should be subjected to it because Ak-Sar-Ben has as much power to legislate throughout the state as the Legislature. When you look at the economy, especially in the farm communities, this could be a good thing. Drinking has led to all kinds of jobs and the proliferation of various professions. There is additional counseling, there are halfway houses, treatment programs, hospitals, insurance