

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize, Senator Sieck, someone else had my attention at the time you were explaining your amendment to the committee amendments. And I have this handout that you gave out this morning and it is on the present statutes, 53-186, "Consumption of liquor on public property, public roads, streets, alleys, forbidden exceptions." And since I missed your amendment to the amendment, I am not sure where we are going to stand on this, but as I read the present law, it says, "It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the streets, alleys, parking areas", etcetera, which you are not concerned with, "or inside vehicles while upon the public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads or highways, or upon property owned by the state or any government", etcetera. Now you know I voted for your bill out of committee. What I don't understand is, has it been amended now that you cannot carry any alcoholic beverages with the seal broken? Or is that correct?

SENATOR SIECK: You can carry it with...in sealed containers. There is no law against that.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You can carry it...I'm sorry.

SENATOR SIECK: In sealed containers.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, now are you talking about, say, a bottle of bourbon where the seal...you unscrew the cap and it breaks the liquor seal, you can carry it with the bottle having been opened and then the lid put back on?

SENATOR SIECK: If it is put into a place or a compartment where it is unavailable to the driver.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I see. And your amendment to the committee amendments does what?

SENATOR SIECK: My amendment just says that if they are drinking in the back seat and have open containers with them, then that individual is subject to arrest.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well...

SENATOR SIECK: Where the bill itself or the amendment says that it is possible that the only one who could be arrested