

know how he always picks up the tab when we go into his place. So let's deny this new fellow the opportunity to go into business for himself. And this happens all too often in local control. I've seen it happen in big cities like Omaha and I've seen it happen in a little town like Bonner Springs, Kansas, and Leavenworth and that's why I think we really ought to think about this. Local control, think about the word control. It means we're going to control who is going to go into business and who is not going to go into business, who is going to make a living and who is not going to make a living, who has got the right to earn a living. And if they don't like it, they can go hire a high priced attorney maybe and go to court when the local people say, no, we're not going to grant this license. And maybe the fellow is just trying to be what Senator Morehead referred to as an entrepreneur. He is starting a new business, but local control, control says, no, we're not going to have another business in this town to advertise in our newspaper. We don't want another cocktail lounge or bar that puts a box on the bar and says give to the Cancer Fund, drop your change in here for cystic phybrosis. We don't want any more people doing community projects. I know of many liquor establishments in Omaha that support softball teams which is what makes Omaha the number one city in the United States for softball teams which also helps Nebraska. So if you're going to have control on the local level, what you're probably going to have is less businesses and that's where I think it's bad because I've seen it happen again and again and again and it isn't fair...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...that any man or any woman should have to go to court for the right to earn a living and that's all we're talking about here. With a state regulated commission they are farther removed so they'll be more impartial and if they look at the situation, let them decide then whether or not this should be done. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Morehead, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, one of the beauties of the legislative system is that it allows for deliberative debate and opposing points of view and occasionally we find it difficult to stand up and oppose those of us who are friends and have become friends in this body, but at this