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Mr. President, new A bill. (Read LB 283A by title for the first time. See page 281 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please, then Senator McFarland.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The issue before us is 19 and 20-year olds participating in the sale and distribution of liquor and alcoholic beverages. It just seems to me to be an anomaly that remains in the statutes that should have been addressed when the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages was raised to 21. They should have harmonized that at that time. This is an opportunity to bring a little more logic and harmony into the liquor laws. I would urge your support of LB 395.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Mr. President, I'd ask to call the question at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Thank you. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, oppos'd nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Morehead, did you wish to close?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: All right. Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I thank Senator McFarland for calling the question because in fairness to both sides of the issue, for those both for and against, I believe that it's better to take this issue to a vote before lunch, get it over with. Senator Hannibal asked, why? I said, well get it over with, number one. I say to you that the issue, as it stands now, is that a 21-year old