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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Janssen, thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. I remember a few years ago when I was on the General Affairs Committee, we had a...we had a bill, I think Senator Robinson brought it at that time, there was a church that was started within so many feet of a...of a liquor store, and there was a question whether that liquor store could remain open or not when this church had moved within the...inside of those limits. And I believe that that was left up to the Liquor Control Commission could grant variances there, and so there was really no need for that...for that legislation at that time. Now I don't...I don't know whether in this situation that whether the commission could do that. I don't believe they could and that's probably the reason that the bill is here today. The university, they have satellites quite a few different places throughout especially in Lincoln, and now whether they could move one of those in close to an establishment, I am not sure. Maybe Senator Chambers is right. Maybe this whole thing should be addressed once and for all. If this is the way our society is today and as mobile as they are, I can see where 100 years ago, they had...you know, kids probably didn't...didn't walk that far to...you know, they had to walk most everywhere they went. So the times have changed and accessibility to...well, look at the East Campus, used to be quite a ways away. Now they are all connected together and, as far as I can see with Senator Beutler's bill, you know if it is within a certain distance of a...I guess it really doesn't make much difference, but it should be clarified once from...once and for all. With that, I...I have no objections to Senator Beutler's bill, although I do not want to see the General Affairs Committee's bill, priority bill, slip by the wayside. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, let me give you two additional pieces of information, if it helps you one way or