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restaurants, wine and beer licenses for example, so that restaurants could have alcohol there because we want alcohol with the family meals. I can remember Senator Cavanaugh brought in an amendment that said that on Sundays that we should have wine available for the Sunday afternoon dinner when the family goes out after church and this Legislature adopted that. We have lessened restrictions as far as alcohol on state property, allowing it at public functions. We had a bill last year that was brought in supposedly for the rural areas that would let minors, people sixteen, seventeen, eighteen work in bars cleaning up glasses to make it more convenient for the rural bar owners. We had a bill last year that removed some of the language that made it a severe penalty to sell liquor to a minor by lessening the burden on the bar owner to establish the identity of the person buying liquor...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR FOWLER: ...and across the state community after community is allowing Sunday liquor and liquor by the drink. Now if you have stood up in this Legislature or stood up in your community and said, we are setting a bad example by making alcohol available, by making it more accessible, by giving it our stamp of approval, then I think you can support Senator Kelly's bill but if this is the only time and this is the only group that you are going to say we must put the burden on teenage drinking on, then I say you are being hypocritical. This Legislature has made alcohol more available in many many ways and I would guess that I doubt that it is going to change. We are singling out one group and I think we might as well single out Mrs. Murphy as the nineteen and twenty year olds and have as much logic behind it as Senator Kelly's bill. I support the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried. Debate ceased. The Chair