

administrators, the faculty and others can control this by example, by model and by certain kinds of rules. The police department can control it if they want to. You live out here in a more rural part of Nebraska, and I have lived there, if you know the constable of your community, you know the county sheriff because he may be your relative...in some of those counties they are nearly all relatives, you get in trouble, they will slap your hand and let you off. I happen to live now in Omaha which is one-third of the population of the state of Nebraska. I also happen to live right by the Missouri River where you can drive across the bridge and you can get a drink because Iowa has a law a little different than ours. But here today it is obvious that Mr. Kelly has the votes. He has picked up the new members of the body. They are committed, and he has probably picked up a few who last year voted against the bill, and so it is rather obvious what Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Dworak and others say, it is flying over the hill so we had better compromise one more time. I am saying the issue is not that easy. I am saying to you if a young adult, whether female or male, can enter into a marriage contract which is the most serious contract any man or woman ever says they want to enter into, to raise children, to make decisions that are terribly important to us today, then there has to be a good reason for that. That is a sign of adulthood. That is a sign of good judgment. That is a sign of character, integrity and all those things we all hold high, and yet you and I, as members of this body, don't always live up to those examples. I would imagine if we ever searched the records, the biggest problem police have with misuse and abuse of alcohol, and I am one of those upon occasions, would be the adults who supposedly exemplify all the highest standards of this state and of this nation. The next thing we are going to do is have a law on drugs. What are you going to do about that? The next thing we will have a law that you can't get pregnant before you are 19, or 20 or 21. The biggest problem among young adults today is teenage pregnancy. Are we going to address that next year? That all begins at home, and you know as well as I do. I have two sons. I have gone through the problem of, shall you drink and will you drink and if you do, how much and when. But I want to see if the Nebraska State Education Association has the clout today. They have been winning every day since I have been on this floor because I've listened to people talk about that powerful lobby. They probably are going to win again, aren't they. But thank God they are on the right side this time, because by some amazing grace we are going to reduce the problems of abuse and misuse of alcohol, and the young men and women of this state no longer will touch it until they arrive at some great age. What you are going to do is you are