

people at home who oppose the 19 and 20 year olds drinking that you voted for a bill which will do that, and then you want to go to the liquor industry, which supports the 19 year olds drinking law, and say look, we didn't really hurt you any, it's business as usual and we all know it, and therefore there is no real harm done to you. You can tell the people to whom you are speaking the honesty of your position. You can be the best of all things to all people. It is less embarrassing perhaps, less troublesome, because you can always equivocate, and you can vacillate, and you can arbitrate and you can confuse the public, but the facts are going to be the same. The young people 19 and 20 are going to drink. You haven't changed that a bit, not one iota. One more thing that is going to happen, suppose that the 19 year olds and 20 year olds are in the tavern drinking, they can't buy a beer to take home with them, are they going to have one more for the road, so to speak, and further complicate that problem which is already present and which we know exists and which Senator Kelly has outlined very well for us.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR SCHMIT: I just want to say this, ask yourself, who is supporting the amendment? The liquor industry is supporting the amendment. I am sure that my friends in the liquor industry will say, I wish Schmit wouldn't have said that, but the facts are they are supporting the amendment because they know it is going to be business as usual and it really isn't going to change anything and we can all vote for the amendment and go home and cover our tracks with the electorate. Now if you really are against the 19 year olds and 20 year olds drinking, then you have to vote against the amendment and vote for Senator Kelly's bill, but if you want to cover your tracks, so to speak, then you vote for the amendment. You haven't done anything, except you have emasculated totally Senator Kelly's bill and left him with nothing and everyone can go home and cover themselves with the gratitude of their neighbors and friends. I have seen it happen too many times on this floor. In many instances it doesn't make much difference, but in this instance it is a serious issue, and if you are serious you should address it seriously. If you vote for the amendment you are voting for no change in the present law. If you vote against the amendment, you are voting for Senator Kelly's bill and a change in the law.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up. Senator Kelly. I might alert the Legislature to the workload up here. Senator Kelly, then