

the drink at a bar, a party in a friend's house, or a similar supervised setting. Do you want that in Nebraska law? This proposal will do a good job, better than 221. Not true, because his off-sale proposal is 221. He states further on that page that 221 would be sending our young people out to get killed in other states. That is just a fabrication of Senator Hoagland's words. But he does state a truth. It is true that 19 and 20 year olds could still tank up at a bar and get in an accident on the way home, and I just pointed out to you that those are the hours that the accidents happen, and that is the age group at which the accidents happen to, and we want to be a part of continuing it. And his conclusion, and if this isn't really wishy-washy, listen to Senator Hoagland's conclusion. We strongly feel that the most sensible approach is to the raise the drinking age in this fashion because it addresses directly the problems we are facing in a moderate fashion. It would be less of a change. If this solution is not enough, if this solution is not enough, after two or three years of implementation, we could always increase the drinking age to 21 for all purposes, stating again that raising the drinking age to 21 is proper. It is intellectually correct. It is morally correct. It is politically correct, and it will work. I oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the House, Legislature, one thing I think we need to do before we start up is kind of clarify a point here. I really wasn't going to do this but I feel kind of compelled to it. Senator Powers states he has a family of nine. Senator Schmit talks about a family of ten, and I guess just for the record I would like to let them know that this is big daddy here and I am the father of fourteen. Jakse mas? As they say back home. I would kind of like to explain how I got here in relation to this amendment. When I came to the Legislature here over a year ago, I had some people from my area that were concerned about the bill LB 221. They came to me and it is a group, it is a fellow that works in the law enforcement area and works with young people, and they indicated that they felt like if an amendment like this could be adopted, amended to LB 221 it would be something that they could live with, and it would be kind of an in-between affair, and coming down here I checked with Senator Kelly and Senator Kelly referred me to Senator Dworak, and Senator Dworak had an amendment that I think he probably drafted a couple of years ago. This is really where I kind of got involved in supporting this amendment, and it was a year ago, and let me state here and now for the record that the liquor industry has no bearing upon my decision here.