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It is an idea that came from my area in the 41st District and I have supported and pushed it ever since. I have written newspaper articles in my weekly magazine. I have done some radio shows. Essentially I have supported this idea. I have had people come up and talk to me indicating they would like to have me vote for 221. I took the time to explain it to them that I was for 221 but I would like to see the amendment and after doing this, I essentially have not really received any really pressure from anybody, and I made myself pretty well known up in that area on how I feel. Therefore, with these thoughts in mind, and again I would like to reiterate that the liquor industry has no bearing upon this decision, it was an idea that came out of my area up there and this is the reason why I would support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: By coincidence, Senator Wagner, as you were speaking, 66 Senior High students from St. Paul, Nebraska accompanied by Jim Mierendorfare in the north balcony. Do you want to raise your hands so we can say, good morning to you? There you are. Okay. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in...this is my 10th year starting in the Legislature, and one of the little lessons I have learned over the period of time I have been here is that if you just blow out the truth on an issue like this, so straight, nobody believes it...nobody will really believe it. But it works to accomplish a goal so frequently anyway. Now I am going to blow out the truth on this amendment this morning. I am totally opposed to the bill, and I am totally committed to the amendment, because I believe I can't do any more damage to the bill than by voting for the amendment. So I am voting for the amendment. You better believe it. I would like to raise a few questions with you as some of the implications of the amendment. It sounds like it solves all the problems, doesn't it? Let me give you a few new problems. Big dance... 19, 21, 22 year olds. Hell, let's just imagine we had a place called, well, this is Nebraska...Big Red, Big Red. Well, we got them all packed in there dancing and stomping and jumping, bands playing and it gets to be about 12:00 o'clock and the 19 and 20 year olds realize, of course, they have got to have the extra two or three drinks because legally they are not going to be able to drink once they jump outside the walls, so instead of a little less liquor maybe they pump down two or three extra drinks, so who is hurt, well certainly not the bar owner. He is selling that liquor for a buck and a quarter a shot, or whatever, rather than the twenty-five or fifty cents. So I am supporting it, sure. It makes sense. But now we are out of the bar. We jumped in our cars. Okay,