

and we are driving home. Now in the old days, minor in possession, the cop stops the car and looks in the back seat, and why, if you saw a couple of people slouched over and barely able to talk and slurring their words and everything you would suspect, and you would have probable cause... the cop would, wouldn't he, to say, I think you have had a trifle of liquor. And on that basis he could search and who knows, he might even have his minor in possession law effective and be able to enforce the law then. No, no, no... new world, new world. Now he looks in the back seat and they say, we just came from a party, and it is all legal now because we put the beer inside us there. Sure I am going to support the amendment. You better believe it. There is another implication you ought to also be thinking about. It is the next step that happens maybe after we get them all in the bar. Now remember we have got a new system. We have got them all in the same room, right? Who is responsible? Who is watching over them? Who is handing them the liquor? Why it is the bar owner and his people there. Does that mean then that since now he is in charge, they are not out on the highway, they are not out in the woodsy. They are under his control. He can see who is getting drunk, who has had a little too much, who is not. Well, maybe, maybe the next natural implication is that we ought to kind of firm up that responsibility with something called a dramshop law. Now a dramshop is not that complicated. Why they have got it in other states. It says something like this...bar owner there, if he has got the kids in the bar, people in the bar, and they go out and they get drunk in his bar and he serves them while they are drunk and he knows he is doing it...good sense would have told him. They go out and get in an auto accident or something, he is liable, and so he has dramshop insurance to protect against it. But because he has the dramshop insurance, and Larry Stoney will tell you this because he knows insurance...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...but because he has this dramshop insurance, that insurance company makes pretty sure and is pretty careful that he doesn't tank them up too much and that it does protect themselves. So maybe that is the next natural implication of locking them all in the same room and having the bar owner in charge of who gets how much and what. As I say, I am supporting the amendment. Richard said, did I declare a conflict of interest. I figure I have a conflict of interest in every bill I ever vote in as a Nebraskan, as anybody involved in any business. I also I think have some interest in a company that is in the liquor business, or any other business. None of them make money.