

twice or perhaps more often about taking the risk that is involved. It is a serious amendment. I think it is a good one. I think it is something that really in a meaningful way addresses the problem of procuring alcohol for minors. I commend Senator Koch for bringing it to our attention, bringing it before the Unicameral. I urge you to support it. I think that this is an opportunity to do something very strong to slow down the procuring of alcohol for minors in the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly on the Koch amendment.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Nebraska Legislature, LB 970 is entered in this session of the Legislature which includes a dram shop amendment suggested for the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee to hold a public hearing on. The dram shop amendment that Senator Koch would offer is against any person, not against the licensed liquor distributor or a dram shop owner, it is any person. I am not aware of "a dram shop that covers more than dram shops", but this one certainly does. I caution us as law makers, as law writers, to do that with caution. This is a multi, multi hundred million dollar amendment that you are talking of offhandedly on the floor of the Legislature, in fact, using it as a harassment exercise against LB 221. This should not be. This procedure is already suggested before this session of the Legislature and the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee will be holding public hearings at which we can get proper input and then talk about the pros and cons of dram shop, but believe me this is not a dram shop amendment. It is far beyond that. Oppose the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Once more...okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate. Shall debate cease? Senator DeCamp. The motion before the House is, shall debate cease?

SENATOR DeCAMP: As long as they are probably going to want to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases.