

Senator Koch, the Chair recognizes you to close on your amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is interesting that Senator Kelly would oppose this because it is too far reaching...yet he has a deep and sincere concern about the future of young adults, and I submit to you that we are all a part of the problem, not just one select group of people. I submit to you that too many parents give their children too much money and never ask them to be accountable for that money...give them big automobiles, let them cavort around without any questions of where they are or what they are and why they were there. It gets back again to what I say where the responsibility begins, it is in the home, and the direction that is provided. So what we are doing here is we are going to put us all on the same wagon if you will forget the pun. We are saying now that we are all going to be highly concerned about the young adults of this state, and where there is an abuse which is part of the problem that person is going to have to pay under law some of the consequence. Don't place it all on the shoulder of a young adult. They are not the totally responsible people. It is those of us who sit here and make laws where we attempt to legislate morality, and yet we are sometimes the biggest hypocrites. I know parents who provide cocktail hours for their sons and daughters who are still in high school, and that is a fact...because they say, I would sooner have them drinking than using drugs. That is going on too. But that isn't just a new phenomena. As I read, we have young adults who are in their thirties and forties that are using drugs, and this is acceptable, but it is always nice for us to point the finger at someone else and say, you are the guilty ones, we are not, we will pass the laws and you live with them. I submit to you, we now have laws that could prevent this problem if properly enforced without any additional kind of law, and I submit to you that most of our young adults are responsible young adults and there are always a few who aggravate and cause problems for others who are responsible, who are mature. So if we really want to get to the issue of an abuse of alcoholic beverage, then this body morally, philosophically and by principle must adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Closing on the Koch amendment to LB 221. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the Koch amendment to LB 221. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The motion is the adoption of the Koch amendment to LB 221. Have you all voted? Senator Koch.