

Vickers amendment as found on page 414.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, serving and selling are no doubt synonyms in the industry of selling alcohol, but Senator Vickers is of the opinion this would be helpful. On that basis I would support his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Question of Senator Vickers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you yield?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: As I understand it the reason we have this bill is that 19 year olds are turning liquor over to younger people. Do you think the 19 year olds are really responsible enough to work in a liquor store, to handle alcohol, to have the responsibility of deciding the age of the person purchasing it? Do you really think these 19 year olds would be able to handle this responsibility? Won't there be a temptation for them to break the law? Won't there be a temptation for them to smuggle liquor out to get it to their friends? Isn't there a temptation for them to sell the liquor to other 19 year olds who they go to class with? Don't you think this would be a real problem given obviously the maturity that we see in the 19 year olds in Nebraska?

SENATOR VICKERS: In a word, no. All I am attempting to do, Senator Fowler, is make sure that if the 19 year....I think we have already said that we feel the 19 year olds are mature enough to work in a bar and dispense liquor by the drink. There also they have to check identity. All I am simply saying is if they are mature enough to work in a bar, they should be also mature enough to work in a package store.

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess I would question the premise of this Legislature in saying 19 year olds can't handle liquor themselves. They can't drink it, but they can work in a bar and serve it, and now they can work in a retail store and distribute it out to people, but the problem we are seeing is that 19 year olds were giving liquor to high school students. What Senator Vickers is doing is letting them right in the source of that liquor, the place that that alcohol flows from so that it can be distributed out to