

And lastly, the operation of service will be consistent with the public interest by providing services designated to meet distinct needs of each individual customer or specifically designated class of customers. And the reason the bill is doing this is because the Liquor Commission has on occasion not granted a license for one reason or another. When the party appeals this decision, the court usually grants the license because it appears the Commission's decision was arbitrary. This bill, LB 124, would establish guidelines for the Commission and for the courts when decisions are appealed. And then, of course, the third section changes the fee for the permit. The fee for a permit for manufacturers to ship to distributors is changed from \$100 to \$200 and, of course, this just would be equalizing it now because the shippers now pay \$200, and, of course, this would add to the state treasures an amount a little over \$20,000. This fee has not been changed for eight years. And then section 4 allows minors working in restaurants and lounges to handle and serve alcoholic beverages. If you will remember last year when we passed LB 221 we missed this part, and so what this section does is allow minors 16 years and older to be able pick up containers when they are working in lounges or restaurants that serve liquor. So I move for LB 124 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Hefner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you yield?

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator, will this bill encourage competition or will it curtail competition?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Dworak, it is real hard to say. I don't think it will change it that much.

SENATOR DWORAK: If it isn't changing anything, why do we need it?

SENATOR HEFNER: One of the reasons why we want to clarify the liquor laws a little bit more is because when the Liquor Commission has not granted a license, then the party will take it to court.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, is this restricting due process then?

SENATOR HEFNER: I wouldn't say it would be.