

to support this bill. I think that Senator Von Minden has brought this body a good bill. At the present time we allow the serving of alcoholic beverages on special elections so why not have it on the primary and the general election days. And this does not take away the local control. If the village or city still does not want to see alcoholic beverages served on election day, why they can pass an ordinance to this effect. So we are not taking away the local control. We are leaving that to the local citizens. This bill would also help some of the small retail establishments that we have that have eating places and do serve alcoholic beverages so I think we need to consider that. A lot of these businesses are having a rough time of it and this would just be another way that we could help them keep their head above water. I think Senator Von Minden said that we used to vote in saloons and bars and this is true and so I don't believe that this is occurring too much anymore and so, therefore, I would certainly urge your support in advancing this bill to E & R Initial.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am not a person who usually is bound by traditions and I don't develop a lot of sentiment for them but this tradition of having election day free of the influences of publicly sold alcohol has kind of caught my fancy and held my interest for a number of years, as a matter of fact, ever since I have been old enough to vote. To tell you how long ago that was for the youngsters who might be here, I had to be twenty-one which was a considerable number of years ago anyway before I was eligible to vote. And when I did register former Governor Tiemann wrote me a personal letter thanking me and congratulating me for taking this active participatory role in electoral politics, and from that day to this one, one of the things I have liked about election day is that it is one of those days when alcohol is not sold. I don't really think that a tradition like this which had a legitimate reason for its existence and can still be justified ought to be so easily scrapped. Senator Von Minden told me before he offered the bill or before it came to General File for discussion that he had not been asked to do this by the liquor industry so I would not bring that argument up but I will say this, the liquor industry, I am certain, has no objection to it. They would not be so crass, brazen and blatant as to have somebody offer a bill like this on their behalf but I am