

sure they are all sitting in their stills just waiting with bated breath to see if this bill will slide through the Legislature without any discussion or being sidetracked. I doubt that not allowing the sale of alcohol, Senator Von Minden, on election day will break any establishment, whether it is an eating establishment or a tavern, bar or other joint. If you have a friend who wants to take you to dinner, then carry your own flask if you have just got to drink while you eat, but it seems to me that it should be possible for us to exercise enough self-control and restraint to go through one day of meals without having to consume alcohol. So for these reasons and others that are far more weighty than anything I have said thus far, I will not support this bill.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to introduce to the Legislature guests of Senator Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Davis. They are from Farnam, Nebraska. They are up in the South balcony. Will you stand and be recognized please? Also guests of Senator Hoagland, Betsy Freeland and Terry Tegeder. Will you stand and be recognized? Thank you and "Welcome to the Legislature". Senator Fowler has 25 students, Merle Beattie School, Lincoln, Nebraska. Ann Kubr is the teacher, in the North balcony, will you stand and be recognized? Thank you and "Welcome to the Legislature". The next speaker is Jonathan DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I strongly support Senator Von Minden in his proposal. In a very real way what this proposal is is a completion of a test and the admission that indeed conditions have changed. A hundred years of election laws, election procedures developed, social change, have made it completely unnecessary to have prohibitions on the books such as we have now with respect to being allowed to take a nip of the brew on election day. A few years ago as he stated, I sponsored a bill that made it so that only on statewide elections days would this prohibition be in effect. It used to be that on any little election, any little election, in this area or that area, you were closing down everything and we repealed it. We changed the system and, sure enough, the elections are going just fine. We have no problems. Not one has been reported anywhere. There have been some people elected that I didn't agree with, but other than that, so I would urge you to support the proposal. I think it is only good common sense and it is an indication that so many Americans and Nebraskans have indicated, let government get out of our lives for awhile. Quit telling us how to live our moral lives, our social lives, our everything. Let us make that decision. And that is all we are doing with the legislation. We are getting government out of people's lives a little bit.