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speak. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I wonder if Senator Von Minden would respond to a question please.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Yes, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Von Minden, is it correct that the alcoholic...serving of alcoholic veverages is prohibited only until after the polls are closed? Is that correct?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Yes, that is correct, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Then these establishments would be able to, that you were referring to earlier, would be able to serve the cocktails and so forth with dinner if this businessman chose to take his client after eight o'clock then, is that correct?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: That is correct.

SENATOR VICKERS: Undoubtedly that probably happens quite a little then, too, doesn't it?

SENATOR VON MINDEN: But, Senator Vickers, I think I would be correct in saying that all your lunching and your nice eating places, I would say from fifty to seventy-five percent of the people are taken out by clients so you would lose the noon luncheon and then I don't think you would want to take a client out to dinner starting at eight o'clock. I believe you would want to take him at six.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Von Minden. Quite a few of the people take us out here a little bit later than six o'clock, however, but it seems to me that the point made by Senator Higgins might be applicable here also, that if Monday and Tuesday is such a quiet day that you could hear a pin drop in these establishments anyway, then what difference does it make whether we lift it or not. It would indicate to me that there is not a big problem and I would remind this body of the things that we have talked about many times, if it is not broken, why try to fix it. So I have a little hesitancy about allowing this procedure. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the advancement of the bill. Senator Schmit, do you want to talk on the bill, on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I just support the bill, Senator Clark. That is all I have to say. Thank you.