

SENATOR HABERMAN: But it would open up more competition to them?

SENATOR HEFNER: I doubt it whether it...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, thank you. I will have to oppose this as one of the statements made is that Nebraska has such few licenses compared to other states. So again we are comparing Nebraska to other states, and in many, many cases, I don't give a diddly-do what other states do. It is what we want to do here in Nebraska and my mail, I received no mail in favor of this from my district and I received lots of mail against it. And what it is, it is creating where Class A, where you sell just beer now, they will be able to sell wine. Well, it says Class K is beer and wine. Then we will go a step further next year and probably give the beer and the wine another step further and let them sell liquor. So I would have to say that we have enough classifications and enough licenses and I will have to oppose the amendment and the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I carried a similar bill last session which created a Class J license which allowed wine and beer on-sale for restaurants primarily and I got the same kind of mail from a few retailers that Senator Haberman is getting now and I would venture to guess that maybe with the exception of one letter he hasn't received a piece of mail from the general public. And the thing that baffles me, the thing that I can't understand is this paranoia, this fear that there might be one other or two other or three other liquor licenses issued in the state for this particular category. That seems to be the bottom line. There was no problems caused by the J license, no problems whatsoever. The impact was negligible other than the fact that there are a few Pizza Huts now that can serve wine and they don't have to get a Class C license and to me that is a good policy. Why should someone be forced into a full line of liquor sales when they don't need it, when they don't want it, when they don't desire it. I see absolutely no problem with this particular license. I see no problem with a K classification. In fact, Senator Hefner, I can't even understand why the bill would have any opposition at all. I can't believe that this body would take a significant amount of time on this. If that is what people desire to do, they should be allowed to do it rather than forcing these people into a full-fledged operation. So I very strongly support Senator Hefner's bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.