

most of this correspondence and his reasons for trying to keep the plant open aren't satisfactory to the committee, then on Final Reading, if you so desire, you can return the bill and strike my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the amendment as it has been explained?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, time is, as Senator Labeledz has indicated, time is of the essence. We have a brewery that is closed and as I understand it breweries cannot remain closed very long because of some equipment problems. Basically the seals and other things sort of dry up and creates a tremendous cost to replace those and to get this brewery back in operation. Not only that, but there are a hundred and sixty-seven employees whose livelihoods are being threatened at this point because of the closing of the brewery. The clarification that this law, this amendment will provide will help resolve this issue and help encourage Falstaff and Mr. Kalmanovitz to stay, to keep his plant in Nebraska. This clarification is an important clarification. I would have preferred and Senator Labeledz, I am sure, would have preferred to offer this after the public hearing. But since time is of the essence and since we didn't adjourn as I had hoped we would have at noon and 483 did come up today, we are compelled to ask you and implore you to support this amendment at this time. We have every reason to believe and I believe that Mr. Kalmanovitz is very serious about his desire to keep this plant open. It has always been one plant that has run in the black. It has always been one of his better plants even though it is one of his smaller plants and I think that we owe it to those one hundred and sixty-seven employees and the people of the State of Nebraska who benefit from this much cheaper product for those who like the generic or private label sort of product and I happen to be one of those who do, we owe it to not only the consumers of the State of Nebraska and our region but also to those one hundred and sixty-seven employees to adopt this amendment. I would urge your support for the amendment. I thank you.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, stand up to support the Labeledz amendment. I would like to call your attention to the fact that if we can pass this legislation in time, for example, to start up the brewing operation at the plant again within a thirty day period, then the vats and that sort of thing at the brewery are going to be useable at least but if we do not process this bill and expedite it when we are through with this amendment, adopting this amendment we expedite the bill, so that we can get that brewing operation going