

Well, this particular company still does not want this special legislation and I feel that...(gavel)...thank you, thank you, Mr. President. I feel that...or I don't think that any business or industry wants special legislation to protect itself but I think it is the intent of this body that we want to change this law and so at the present time this is the best way to do it and I rise as a rural senator. I don't think this is just an Omaha problem. I think it is a problem that covers the whole state and so I think we ought to get together this morning and everybody support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to make a short comment by way of reinforcing the legislative process. We often wonder from time to time what good our public hearings do but even this public hearing did considerable good, looking at the amendments. I think they are more than just technical. They make some substantive changes, none which I object to, but I think we should just keep in mind when we have these motions to expedite and motions to push things through the process so fast that it is a good thing that we do have public hearings and specifically in this case it is a good thing that we had a public hearing because a lot of good came from it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Labeledz a question, please. Senator Labeledz, I know this is an important issue and I certainly do not want to do anything to hamper it but after listening to Senator Hefner and Senator Beutler, will this amendment and this bill correct the problem as you see it that exists today in Omaha with Falstaff?

SENATOR LABEDZ: It certainly would, Senator Schmit, although as Senator Hefner said, Paul Kalmanovitz in San Francisco did not push for legislation. A suit has been filed in court and he contends that the law as it stands, that he was not in any violation whatsoever and he wants to prove that in court but we feel that this legislation should be passed and it is very important that it does be passed because regardless of the outcome of the court case, we want a law on the books that will protect this from happening again and I might add, the way that the law reads now, we can ship in generic and private label beer from another plant but they interpret the law to mean that our plant here in Nebraska cannot sell it from their own plant. So it is sad when we can bring it in