

that is what you are saying, the use of a credit card?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, it has been interpreted legally to mean using that credit card is charging under the existing law.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, then the example you pointed out about the individual buying a steak and a few drinks at a hotel or a restaurant, whatever, isn't that taken care of to some degree up under subsection (2), just above where you included the new language, and if in fact that is what we are attempting to get at, the use of credit cards to pay hotel bills and so forth, wouldn't it be better to just include the use of credit cards up in that subsection instead of creating a new subsection which, in fact, if I understand it correctly, the new subsection would apply also to liquor stores, would it not?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I believe it would, yes. That is what I say, it would allow at the retail level the use of a credit card. You could hand a \$20 bill across the counter. Let's assume you bought a six-pack of beer, I guess would be the classic example. You could hand the man the \$6 or you could hand him a Visa or a Master-charge credit card.

SENATOR VICKERS: So it does apply in liquor stores as well as....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Or when you got your statement or when you ran a tab in a bar, you could pay with a credit card, you could pay it with cash.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator DeCamp. I guess I don't have an awful lot of objections to this. It is news to me that that wasn't considered as cash to the retailer to start with. I always thought it was credit as far as the individual was concerned to Mastercharge or whoever it was that had this.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Let me repeat, I would guess the vast bulk of the people are probably violating this. I know without any doubt if you have been in a motel or something and maybe had a toddy, the odds are you used a credit card and the odds are they put it on there, and that technically is illegal.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think the law should be adapted and adjusted