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to reality and that is all I am trying to do. If it isn't, then I suppose we should send the Liquor Commission out enforcing this law everywhere in the hotels, motels and so on and so forth. I doubt that is going to happen either.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. I appreciate that explanation. The only concern I do have is the concern I think Senator Beutler raised. I wonder about the need for the language indicating "approved by the Commission". I am not sure we need to put the Liquor Commission in the business of approving credit cards. So I do question that language.

SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment to the amendment from Senator Beutler.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the DeCamp amendment: (Read Beutler amendment found on page 455 to LB 431 in the Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this amendment simply follows the line of questioning that I picked up in my original remarks. I think it is a good amendment. I don't see why you can't use credit cards. In fact I think you use checks at the liquor store now, and people with NOW accounts, some of them are probably using those credit cards really. So I am in favor of the amendment but I don't see any reason why the bureaucracy, why the Liquor Commission should get involved in the question of what kind of credit card is appropriate, and unless there is some good reason for that, I would just as soon keep the bureaucracy out of it and let each individual store decide as they do with all other products what credit card is appropriate and what credit card is not appropriate and let the private enterprise take care of that. So that is the gist of the amendment, to eliminate the authority of the Commission to deal with the credit cards. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Beutler, I am going to oppose this amendment and I remember now why I am opposing it so if you will listen I think you might even agree why this is not a good idea. And I had forgotten the argument here because it has been awhile but what it says is that the Commission would like to have this sort of permission so that we can prevent the A Street Liquor Store or Ted's