

liquor store, a package store, or something like that, use a credit card and walk out with a six-pack or a bottle of something?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes, it would, depending upon what the Liquor Commission approved, of course, but, yes, it would. That is what I stated as an example.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you very much, Senator DeCamp. I appreciate your clarifying that for me. I am sorry I wasn't paying attention. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would urge you very strongly to listen and watch what Senator DeCamp is attempting to do here and I would urge you to oppose it strongly. Senator DeCamp is changing what I think is a long-standing policy in the State of Nebraska not to use credit for the purchase of liquor, particularly in package stores and in those types of situations, and I think it is very poor public policy for us to allow someone to take a credit card and to purchase liquor with that credit card. Now I can think of my own circumstances, I can think of students and other people who have credit cards because they are very easily obtained, and they run out of money and then they run down and purchase liquor with their credit card, and then they have huge bills. They are paying interest on that money and I just think it is bad public policy for us to allow someone that doesn't have cash to go in and buy liquor and I think that this will encourage people who do not have cash and who may not be responsible as they should to go in and buy liquor on credit, and whether the credit is to the store or whether it is the individual, the effect is the same. We are allowing an individual who doesn't have cash at this minute to go in and buy liquor. I think that makes it more available to the public. I think it is unwise and I think it is not in the person's best interest to be buying liquor when they are going to have to pay interest on that anyway. I think you can also think of individuals with alcohol problems and maybe they intentionally are trying to prevent an individual from buying a lot of alcohol and they don't give them a lot of cash or something but you are allowing them to run up very, very large bills at liquor stores that they don't have to pay for immediately and it obviously is a deterrent to some people who don't have a lot of cash in their pocket to walk into a liquor store and to prevent them from acquiring liquor. To acquire liquor to carry out with a credit card does just not make sense to me. Now the liquor industry may want it but I ask what public purpose are we serving by allowing an individual to use a credit card to obtain liquor to carry out? Now I can understand the restaurant situation where you