

are having dinner and it is an expense account or whatever but I certainly can't understand any justification at all to use a credit card to buy a six-pack or a bottle of wine or any other type of liquor. I think it is bad public policy. I see no legitimate public interest served by it. The only interest I see served is the liquor store so they can sell more of this stuff to people on credit and I think that is bad. I urge you to reject Senator DeCamp's attempt.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you know this is kind of an interesting issue and I think that it is one that we ought to keep in context. The context is simply this. We don't live in the kind of society we used to live in where everybody carried cash or checks. In fact some checks now are actually on NOW accounts which really is borrowing money and that is illegal. I mean that is illegal. There are some of you who frequent a well-known establishment called the Nebraska Club. They send...some of you, I said...and they send you bills later on for your food and drinks. Now that technically, in a very technical way is illegal. If you go to the Hilton Hotel in Omaha or here in Lincoln and you go down to the cafe and you have a steak and a glass of wine with your steak and they put it on your room bill, that is illegal. I mean society has changed and we do tend to use credit. Sometimes it is only temporary. Sometimes it is a longer term credit, whenever you pay those credit cards a lot more than we used to. People don't carry cash like they used to because our society has changed and so I think that the context of this amendment is quite different than it used to be. Now, frankly, you can still go out and borrow money from Joe Shmoe if you want a drink and that happens in many sorts of things. I think it is a recognition of the changing society that we live in. We do use plastic money. We use temporary credit. We are billed later on for things. Those are all illegal today and, quite frankly, we are not enforcing the law. If we ever did enforce the law, there would be hue and cry from the public I think to try to change this thing, and I think at this point in time we ought to recognize the changing society and adopt the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am not here to give speeches on the goods or evils of alcohol and I realize this is one of those little amendments and those little issues you can leap on and sound like, by golly, you're