

Police Department in order to implement LB 87 has called various hospitals in Omaha and none of them wanted to take in the derelicts that are picked up lying in the streets. Douglas County Hospital has said they will take them if they have room for them and one other organization. So when the Legislature passed LB 87 and when they put the tax on liquor, it was my intention also that that money be used for detoxification centers and Omaha desperately needs them so I would urge all the Senators to please get behind Senator Nichol's amendment and vote yes for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this may be one of only about two amendments I am going to support. I am doing it for a very simple reason. We had a very clear-cut understanding that we were increasing taxes that go to a specific place and we have taken all that money and run away with it and that is just not right. Additionally, this particular amendment is a fine tuning of the bill that can be accomplished without causing any tax increase, in other words, still passing the proposal that was brought to us by the administration in a form that is I would say 99.9% of what they asked and ordered. So I am supporting this amendment and there is one other fine tuning amendment that has to be put on by I think Senator Labeledz having to do with some preservation of some federal funds and I would urge you all to support these two and see if then we can't get the bill passed in that form. This certainly is just basic equity and fairness. You don't tax somebody, tell them it is going to go a specific place, and then run away with the money somewhere else. So I would urge you to support this particular one and, I repeat, it can be done without altering the bill or causing any tax increase.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, do you wish to close? Pardon me, Senator Koch just come on. All right, Senator Nichol, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just briefly, the liquor industry now supports the general fund to the tune in addition to LB 129, to the tune of \$12,700,000 which goes into the Treasury of the State of Nebraska. It seems to me that taking \$600,000 away from a specific program is unfair and laws are designed to be fair. We are perfectly willing to accept the three percent like all others who are accepting the three percent. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Nichol amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all