

PRESIDENT: Senator Jacky Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 781...and the reason for its being...the request for it to be on special order is pretty well outlined to you in a letter, a copy of a letter that I sent to Senator Barrett when I made the request, what you have at your fingertips right now. Basically, what we're trying to do in this piece of legislation is to fix, if you want to call it that, what occurred as a result of passage of a bill, LB 911, which we all passed out of here in 1986 which would allow local control of the licensure of liquor licenses at the local level, as I have said. And...but when we gave them that power we did not add a standard set of, I guess, requirements that they have to meet or that they could look at in determining whether to allow or deny for a license. So that's the basic...that's the basic premise of the bill and the committee amendments are all technical. There is no substantive change in the amendments themselves. The listing of the things that we did in them are basically such things as on page 7 a reference is inserted to make it clear that the Liquor Commission can waive the waiting period and issue a license not only if a city makes no decision but also if the city does not make a binding decision. The second thing it does, on page 15, the word "recommendation" is simply changed to "decision" to remain consistent with the usage of the rest of the words in the bill. Number three, on page 18, the bill adopted the notice and hearing provisions of 53-1.116, 4(c), for the cities' hearings on cancellation, revocation or suspension. And the fourth thing is on page 24, language is clarified and harmonized with other usage of the bill. The fifth thing, a new section is added clarifying a city's powers to decide renewals of licenses are the same as when deciding the initial issuance. On page 33, it is changed to "commission" for clarification of the reference and, finally, the seventh thing it does is a new section is added making it clear that local governing bodies cannot grant licenses in violation of the Liquor Control Act. So these are all technical, no substantive changes in the bill itself, and I would ask for your support in attaching these amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please. On the bill. Any other discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Abboud, did you wish to talk about the committee amendments? Okay. All