

see. So with that, I know that there may be some opposition to this measure but I think the issue is, with the local control provision that it does have in it, it does provide for oversight on the part of the local governing body, and with that, Mr. President, I would urge the adoption of the amendment to LB 781. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Hall. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, Senator Hall has explained his bill. This bill is controversial. I don't think that this is something that we want to attach to this bill, LB 781, which is a bill that we must pass. It is a bill, as I told you earlier, LB 911, which was passed last year which was found to be unconstitutional. This is really a kind of a fix-it bill to try to do the things that we were supposed to have done last year in 911. This is a bill that we need to get through the Legislature. That is why we have it here on special order. I think I would question the germaneness of your request, Senator Hall, because, number one, I am not sure that the sections of statute matches. We are looking at that. But the other thing is that this bill deals with when alcohol can be sold. It does not deal with the issue that we are dealing with in LB 781, which is licensure. And I would then just question the germaneness.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hall, would you care to respond to the challenge.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The issue here is one of local control and LB 781, as Senator Smith stated in her opening, is basically a rewrite of LB 911 that was found to be unconstitutional. The issue in LB 703 is, as I presented it to the committee and here on the floor, is an issue of local control or local governance with regard to when alcohol can be served. The two are basically, not basically, they are exactly the same issue. They both deal with when alcohol can or cannot be served, if the local governing body chooses to allow alcohol to or not to be served. And I think that the issue is germane as I guess water would be to the ocean, and I would urge the Chair to rule in that favor. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, would you care to speak to the