

didn't want you to take off. My questions are easy, and then you can have the rest of my time, okay? I'm against, in general, I'm against loosening the liquor laws, because I just feel like tight liquor laws are good. I am concerned about...this is my question, does changing this, in this way, giving more local control, is it a green light to have liquor in convenience and/or grocery stores, or is it going to make it more difficult? And my reason for being concerned is that I don't like it being too easily available to minors. I know the minors are going to be upset with me, but I don't care. I've had minors in my home, and I'm against it. So, that's all I want to know.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: If you'll just explain that part of it to me.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: And you can have the rest of my time.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, thank you. In my interpretation and from what I've been told this will, in fact, tighten up the liquor law. And that is why we have the "they" that Senator Goodrich is talking about out there, the lobby don't want local control, they want to be able to have a proliferation of licenses. And I might also mention, since I have the floor here, and no one else can take my time, since you've given it to me, that if you talk to "they" outside the glass, the municipalities, of course, like this. We've talked to all of the liquor people, they're all supportive of this. You have a letter on your desk from Frosty Chapman, who is Executive Director of the Liquor Commission, who thinks it's a good idea, and there is nothing wrong with it, it's constitutional in their thinking. You have a letter from the commissioners, the Liquor Commissioners, who think this is a good idea and this is the way we should go. We have one group, Gas n' Shop people, who don't want this. They don't represent all of the liquor industry, it's a group of people who want to be able to put their alcohol wherever they want it, that's what it comes down to, and they are trying to do everything they can to keep this bill from moving. You know, if this bill goes or not, it's not going to kill me. But the thing is we did pass a piece of legislation, LB 911, and we thought at that time what we were doing was to allow the option of communities to be able to keep those kinds