

my time, Mr. Speaker, to Senator Owen W. Elmer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Owen W. Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Ladies and gentlemen, this is just an issue of local control. Every city that's reported to the League of Municipalities wants this amendment. Law enforcement was brought up by Senator Lynch. That will not change. The State Patrol, the Liquor Commission and the local law enforcement will cooperate and operate just exactly as they always have. There's visit about restriction of liquor consumption. There's conversation about policy changes. These all have been addressed at the hearings. The preponderance of testimony, by large majorities, has been in favor of the strict local control that this amendment will give. This is merely a last minute end run by people who do not want our state and our municipalities to have local control or proliferation and the continuation of expansion...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...of liquor licenses in an unrestricted manner in their towns. This is a constitutional bill and that is why they don't want it, because they will get the local control that they have always been desirous of. I'd urge the return to Select File for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members, I missed one question, Senator Smith. And I guess I take a little offense to some of the remarks by one of the other senators about harassment. I simply had some questions that were raised, I think we need to get them in the record, and that is really the purpose of my comments. On page 38, and I talked to...past evidence of discrimination involving applicant, Senator Smith, do you want to...

SENATOR SMITH: Sure. All right, this is one of the criteria that they have to meet as far as the standards are concerned in applying for the license, which you're...for the edification of the other members of the floor. This is past evidence of discrimination involving the applicant as evidenced by finding of fact before any administrative board or agency of the local governing body, any other governmental board or agency of the