

on the application and issue an order of denial or approval, based on the designated criteria provided by this law, which was already in here. I didn't change all the criteria and all those things in this amendment, and I want to make that very, very clear to all of you. I would also tell you that some of the things that we did take out of the original bill, before we sent it out of committee, were requests by the very group that are coming in with some of the comments they have here, complaining because we took it out. It doesn't make sense to me. This becomes then local control, and that, to me, is the basic argument here. So when you vote you have to vote whether you're supporting local control or not, it's that simple. I do believe that it now has become a workable bill, with this amendment. And when I say workable I believe that it's constitutional. This is the aim we had when we came into committee this year, to address what they said was unworkable with LB 911. We tried to address that, we've had to rework it twice. We now believe that all of those concerns have been addressed. This is what we have to have if we want to make this be constitutional. Yes, this is true, Senator Goodrich, whether you believe it or not, I hope 48 or 47 other people do, besides myself. And I will tell you that, of course, there are some things that will probably show up. We're going to look at the liquor law during the interim study. We're going to be looking at this bill itself. There may be some things that we need to still look at...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...as far as what we're saying here with local control. We're willing to do that. You make your mind up. It all comes down to whether you believe that communities should have local option to determine for themselves whether or not they want to establish licenses. But, remember, they must all use the same criteria. They can't discriminate, they can't use different criteria, they have to use the same standards across the state to do this, so it's fair for everyone that they look at who is requesting a license, and that means everyone that requests a license. I ask for your support to return the bill to Select File, and then for your support for the amendment itself. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the return of the bill to Select File for purposes of amending. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?