

at retail or dispensed between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, Sunday, and 1:00 a.m., Monday, if provided for and allowed by ordinance or resolution of the local governing body. There would be an absolute prohibition on the sale of liquor, on or off sale, between the hours of 6:00 a.m., Sunday, and twelve noon, Monday. The changes don't effect the current privileges regarding the sale of beer and wine, which are already in effect for Sunday. That's the extent of the committee amendment. It's basically a clarifying amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Does anyone wish to speak on the amendments? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. As Senator Smith mentioned, the committee amendments rewrite the bill, they put it in a better form. The counsel of the committee brought the amendment to my attention, we drafted it. The bill, as we had basically in the past, this is a better version, if you will, and I would urge you to adopt the committee amendments no matter what your feelings may be on the bill itself. It just does a better job. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Does anyone else wish to speak on the amendments? Do you have a closing statement, Senator Smith? Okay, closing statement is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, all those opposed please vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. LB 354 is what has affectionately been called the Sunday liquor bill. It is a bill that have I carried for the duration of my tenure here, which hasn't been that long, but for six years I've carried this proposal. What does the bill do? Currently, under Nebraska law, liquor laws allow for beer and wine to be sold on Sundays from twelve noon on, both on and off sale. You're not able to sell hard liquor, or spirits, as we define it in the statutes, prior to 6:00 p.m. And there is no provision for the sale of spirits off sale on Sundays, except, except that in the statutes