

don't need more demagogues running around here on Sunday, Senator Hall. We don't need them jumping in their automobiles, having imbibed and creating a hazard for the public. In all seriousness, the number of accidents that are alcohol related is such that we should pause before we do anything that encourages more consumption of alcohol. Senator Hall, I'm not going to badger your bill. I've said everything that I intend to say on the bill. I'm opposed to it. I hope that we vote not to advance it. If anybody has questions, however, Senator Hall, as somebody said this morning, I would be delighted to respond.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I'll now recognize Senator Smith, followed by Senators Pirsch and Hall. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Ernie, Senator Chambers, if you...I remember some years back when you were going to become the benevolent dictator, and I was going to get to rule beside you, remember? Well, if we had done that, we probably wouldn't even have beer and wine being sold on Sundays, right, because I think I'm in total agreement with you on that. But you know, I guess maybe there is an erosion that takes place here; maybe, as Carol Pirsch told me, a little bit ago something about the slippery slide that we're on, you know, where you kind of go downhill. But I guess it's real hard for me, and I'm having trouble trying to decide how I'm even going to vote on this issue right now. I would have voted definitely against this provision, except that it's really hard for me to think of maybe the hypocrisy of saying it's okay for us to sell beer, and it's okay to sell wine on Sunday, but you can't sell mixed drinks on Sunday. And if it happened to be that I were a person who liked to drink wine, and let's say my husband drinks beer, we can drink all we darn well please on Sunday, but the guy that happens, or the woman that happens to like a mixed drink can't have it because they...we say, no, you can't have that kind of alcohol. And I know that Tim has made some kind of pertinent points about the whole issue here when he talks about alcohol content, and there is no discrimination about what the content comes from. Alcohol is alcohol when it's in any kind of liquor. And so I'm kind of in a quandary right now. So I'm not really doing anything to enlighten anyone in the body, except that I'm just sitting here and hoping that there will be enough talk that I will make up my mind on how to go on this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Pirsch.