

liquor only happens to be beer and wine at present unless you are at an American Legion or a VFW where you can have hard liquor or spirits from noon on. I mean, we're even inconsistent in our own application because we carve out an exception for those groups right now. All I would ask is that, through LB 354, we let those local entities carve out the ability for every other licensed retail establishment to be able to sell from noon on. The integrity of the local control remains. That local government, local entity has the ability to choose, pick and choose, as Senator Robinson asked, any portion that they care to do. They can very well ignore LB 354 and I guarantee you that there will be many that will. There are some that have asked to have disability. They've done that through their chambers of commerce, through their government entities, the motel-hotel associations. They would like to have this ability available, then they have to go about the process of lobbying their local entity to get it done. What we need to do is take the first step and allow for the permission to go to this extent and, really, we allow it right now. We allow it for the VFW and the American Legion. To respond to Senator Chambers which is always a favorite pastime of mine, Senator Chambers, as you well know, not everybody talks to their God on Sundays, so...and I don't buy the argument about you don't have a religious corpuscle in your body, but that's debate for another day. With that, Madam President, I would ask for a call of the house because I know some members are away so that we can vote on advancement of LB 354.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for a call of the house. We will have a machine vote. Those in favor please vote yes, those opposed vote no. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We are under call. All members who are not excused, please return to the Chamber and record their presence. Unauthorized personnel should leave the floor. Members are required to be in their seats. Please check in. We are looking for Senator Ashford, Senator Baack, Senator Beutler, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Landis, Senator Moore, Senator Robinson, Senator Schimek, Senator Schmit, Senator Warner, Senator Smith. Would the senators please return to their seats and record their presence. Senator Ashford, Senator Schmit, Senator Haberman. We're still looking for Senators Ashford and Schmit. Senator Hall.