

of the municipalities, felt that they as a local body should have been making that decision. We reversed that by the passage of previous bills, and I guess what we're reaffirming what is in the statutes currently by placing this before the voters to put in the Constitution to lock it in to make sure that municipalities continue to have the right to deny or provide for liquor permits in their jurisdiction. That's what the bill does. As I said, I've sort of, Senator Cudaback and I have sort of inherited this bill so we're obviously going to try and advance it but I think it doesn't do anything differently than what is in statute currently, just places it in the Constitution to make sure that we have some protection for our municipalities to issue these licenses.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Cudaback, there is still time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members of the body, I think it makes good sense to put this power back to where it should be to start with. This body gave the local municipalities a chance to do this and somehow it was, you might say it was taken away. I think it should be, statute should be made clear and recognize the fact that the municipalities, the people that are in our towns, know the best for the municipalities. Let's give these cities and so on that power, and to do this we need this passed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senators Hall and Will would move to indefinitely postpone LR 9CA, have the option to lay it over or take it up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Hall and I put this motion up the end of last week. This is a legislative resolution that came before the General Affairs Committee of which I'm a member. And essentially my argument to kill this resolution is quite simple and that is this simply is something that's not appropriate to be putting in the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. We have statutory provisions currently that provide for the approval and denial of liquor licenses that grant authority to local bodies. There have been problems with these statutes in the past, but the fact