

communities. And so I would just urge you to support this bill and like I said, I'm pleased that Senator Will withdrew the kill motion. And we'll have plenty of opportunity to discuss this further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Hefner are 16 members of the Knox County Doer Group. Would you please rise and be recognized? Welcome to the legislative Chambers. Thank you very much. I will now recognize Senator Wickersham followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. I wish to be quite brief about this. I think Senator Lindsay addressed the major point on which I was concerned and that being the protection of due process rights if we are going to attempt to declare as a matter of the State of Nebraska's Constitution that liquor licenses are matters of privilege and not property. I will vote to advance the resolution, but will clearly expect to see changes made in the resolution before we take another vote on Select File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. There is currently a lot of tax dollars being spent on different lawsuits. And I think we can really move this money to a lot better use if we will pass this resolution and let the local communities decide. There's no better place to decide than local communities. I think the local governing bodies know their town, they know what's going on in their local area. So rather than to spend money on all these lawsuits I think this is a good resolution. The people of Nebraska need to decide what is best for our state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Does anyone else wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Cudaback? Closing, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I guess we'll share our time here. I really don't have much more to say other than I would pledge to the senators who have concern about the due process issue that we will work to clarify that situation and ask for the