

a say in granting liquor licenses. Does that understand...or does that explain what you...

SENATOR ABBOD: Well, that's what I'm trying to figure out, if...I mean, that's fine, the language dealing with personal privilege and entitlement...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That is...

SENATOR ABBOD: ...and those types of questions, I don't have any...I really don't have any problems with because you're talking about an individual's rights of having a liquor license and I think that it is not a privilege to have a liquor license, it's granted under authority of the State of Nebraska. My concern is with the first part where it states that the Nebraska Constitution will give...the way I interpret it, it will give sole authority to cities or counties in granting or denial of a liquor license and I guess that's the question. Will the state...let's assume that...let's assume that there are some problems or, I mean, down the road, I mean, things do happen involving liquor licenses and my concern is that the state will be completely out of any consideration dealing with denial or approval of liquor licenses.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, the state would still be issuing liquor licenses.

SENATOR ABBOD: So if they...if the...why don't you run it through how this would work? I want to get a liquor license...or Senator Hartnett, Senator Hartnett wants to get a liquor license...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yeah, because Hartnett does drink more than what you do.

SENATOR ABBOD: (Laughter.) Senator Hartnett wants to get a liquor license, what would be the process to...for him getting a liquor license with this constitutional amendment versus what the current law is?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: You go to the city council first and then you go to the Liquor Commission and then that should be it that you should have to go. But, first of all, the city council has to approve it. If the city council turns it down and then if you want to go to the Liquor Commission, the Liquor...yeah, if