

from...our communities from unnecessary litigation.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think this will save the cities. We're trying to help the cities rather than to put as much power into the Liquor Commission as what they have. We're trying to help the cities. We're not trying to help the Liquor Commission, we're trying to help the cities.

SENATOR ROBAK: But if it's exactly the same as we have in statute now, I see no reason for it to be in our State Constitution.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, this is up to...we're saying put it to the voters. If the voters want it there, okay, and if the voters don't want it there, then it won't have to be. But put it to the voters.

SENATOR ROBAK: I think you're right but we could do that with every bill that we have on the floor. We could actually do that with every bill. We don't even have to have a Legislature, we could let everything up to the voters. I think this is absolutely unnecessary litigation, accomplishes nothing. I still think we should indefinitely postpone it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, the one thing this does is save your tax dollars. Senator Robak is absolutely right, it does not change anything. This just reaffirms what is currently being done, but the courts, the courts seem to ignore this body's wishes and so our towns that we all support, tax dollars that you give in is generated by the people but these tax dollars are spent defending, defending the very thing that this body gave them the authority to do. The courts have ignored our wishes. So all this does is reaffirm, strictly reaffirms, gives the municipalities the authority and it cannot be overturned what this body...authority has been given to them. So actually we're not changing anything. You are exactly right, we should not have to go through this, but, unfortunately, we have to because the courts have ignored, the courts have ignored the very thing that this legislative body has granted to the municipalities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bohlke.