

SENATOR ABOUD: ...ongoing between liquor establishments versus municipalities and how the State of Nebraska enters into this loop, and what I am afraid this constitutional amendment will do and what may be the intent of the bill is to take the State of Nebraska completely out of that loop. And if that is what we are debating, fine, let's debate that issue, whether the state should be involved or should not be involved, and I would appreciate if, and maybe what I will do is just go ahead and draft an amendment that would clearly provide that the State of Nebraska should be involved in this process. And I guess that is my only real concern. I have no problems with cities or municipalities establishing approval or denial of liquor licenses. I don't have any concern with that and I don't have any concerns with the privilege section of this particular constitutional amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: But I do have a concern dealing with the State of Nebraska's involvement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Schmit followed by Senator Will. Senator Will. Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We will now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. We will proceed with the debate. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President. We are not attempting, as I said before, to do anything different than what we are doing right now. I think Senator Abboud has some good comments and we probably need to put something in there where the State of Nebraska is more protected, like he would like to see. Maybe we should do that. Maybe that is something we need to do before Final Reading. But I think the amendment, what we are really saying is what we are looking at that we are not...that having a liquor license is a personal privilege and not property entitlement, or an interest therein. We are also defining what...how much jurisdiction that the city has. We