

currently have a lot of cities that are spending a lot of tax dollars trying to control liquor licenses in their cities and counties, and with this amendment, it will clarify what the jurisdiction of that city is up to a point, but it still goes to the Liquor Commission with a final say-so. But it gives those cities something that they can use if the voters approve. Now this would only be with the voters' approval this fall. But it still has it also that within the jurisdiction of those cities, as authorized by the Legislature. So we are still controlling it as authorized by the Legislature. So I don't see where the problem is except that it would be in the Constitution instead of in statute, and that is what the cities need according to the lawsuit that has been filed. Thank you.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, this bill did not come about by a group of senators or a group of people sitting around a coffee table and dreaming up something to present. This bill came about by the people who elected you to come down here and represent them. It is in favor of the municipalities, so this has nothing to do with agreed on anybody's part other than the fact that the municipalities want authority given to them by this body. That is all it does. If you want to go against the people that represent their towns, those people are elected by the people in the towns. So those people should run the town accordingly, and if you think they will not do a fair job, then I guess they can be removed from office like anybody else. But the power should be within the municipalities. I'd ask you to vote in favor of this. Thank you.

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

SENATOR WILL: Madam President, members of the body, I oppose LR 9. I think it is an ill-advised attempt to amend the Constitution, but if we are going to advance it, I think we do need to adopt the Schellpeper amendment. The Schellpeper amendment definitely makes LR 9 a better piece of legislation than it is at present. So I would urge your adoption of the Schellpeper amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Robak, I can't recognize you since you have already spoken three times.