

level as far as fairness with respect to granting or denying liquor licenses. And I think if that is the case, if it is a substantive constitutional amendment, I would oppose it nonetheless because I think it is a drastic reaction to court decisions. We should not be amending the Constitution over items such as this. I would urge you to support the kill motion by Senator Robak.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President and members, in answer to Senator Will's question, it does do something. It takes authority from the courts. The courts are the ones that have overridden what the municipalities have said, and what the legislators, this body, the authority has been given to the municipalities. So in a sense, rather than saying it doesn't do anything, it does do something. It does put the authority back in the municipalities' hands where this body said it should be to start with. So I don't see why that is so hard to understand. It does do that very thing. It puts the authority back where it belongs, and the courts have wished to ignore... I will say it one more time... the courts have, they have ignored the very thing that this body has given to the municipalities. So if you wish to go against the people and against your own vote that you voted on here several years ago, then that's fine with me, but you are going against the very thing that you voted into existence. So I guess the power is in your hands. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senators Elmer and Hefner. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. As amended now, 9CA is a bill that the cities and counties need. We are not taking away anything that the Legislature can do. It is still as authorized by the Legislature. I think you are not really considering that part of it. The cities, it lets them have a little more authority, but the courts have not given the cities enough authority to control what happens in their own cities, and this will allow them a little more authority as authorized by the Legislature. The Liquor Commission is still needed. We are not taking away the Liquor Commission. We are still going with the Liquor Commission. We are just saying that the cities also have some right in what happens within their