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against the wishes of the commission and the city, and that had to do with a convenience store type of operation in the City of Lincoln.

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, I understand. I understand that and I know full well that is the reason this amendment is proposed.

SENATOR ELMER: Do you wish to...

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, I think that that liquor...the KWIK-Shop, whatever it was, had every right to sue.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. Then you are in favor of letting them proliferate against the city's wishes?

SENATOR ROBAK: I am in favor of leaving it just exactly like it is now in the statute.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, that is a good enough answer, Senator Robak, because that is what happens under the way it is set up now.

SENATOR ROBAK: Except I don't think we need to put it in the Constitution.

SENATOR ELMER: That is the only way we can accomplish it. I would ask that you defeat the indefinite postponement and that we advance LR 9.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Members of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska are here as guests of the senators today. Their president is Karren Kerr of Omaha. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Kristensen, Wickersham, Hall, and Schellpeper. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support this constitutional amendment, LR 9. I believe now the way LR 9 has been amended it is a good proposal. Remember a few years back, and I don't know exactly how many of you were here, but I was the main sponsor of a bill that gave the municipalities more power, I gave local government more power in deciding who should have liquor license or who