

who we give grant of authority through the statutes the power to ensure that they have that so that the courts can no longer take that way, then why don't we just do away with the statute books and have a Constitution that is approximately 12 volumes long. That, in effect, is what we are talking about. We are saying that we want to put this into the Constitution to guarantee that this right is there. Well, it works sometimes, sometimes it doesn't. I mean, think back to ag land valuations. We can do those things. We don't always do them adequately the first time, so we have to come back on occasion and rework them, but in this case, we are saying that we think liquor licenses are important enough to place into the Constitution. Well, that is going to be an interesting issue when we start dealing with some of the other things I see on the agenda today. We probably won't get to those but other issues as they relate to liquor and rights of individuals with regard to what should be put in statute and what should be put in the Constitution. In this case, LR 9 is, frankly, I think overkill at best, and, you know, when we are dealing with liquor, there is no pun intended on my part there, it is a serious issue. It is a very serious issue, but, ladies and gentlemen, it is not serious enough to warrant constitutional protection. I mean there have been...I haven't heard the laundry list of arguments or case examples of where this has been a problem. They don't exist. There are a few isolated incidents, a few isolated incidents, and because of that, the League has come in and changed the statutes. They've changed it on a couple of different occasions and they have gotten what they feel to be unfair or unjust opinions from the court. So now they are bringing in the big hammer, now they are using the sledge instead of the ten-ounce hammer. They are going to come in and they'll say, well, by darn, we are going to put it in the Constitution. We will show you that this is such an important issue that it belongs in the Constitution of the State. Well, that is hogwash, ladies and gentlemen. Think about it. Think about what you are putting into the Constitution or asking the voters of this state to put in the Constitution when you vote on this. It is nonsense. It is not the kind of thing that belongs in the Constitution. That is what the statute books are for. That's what we have done but they don't feel, they, being the League, don't feel that they have been protected well enough. The body, as a whole here, has voted to support that concept of allowing municipalities to have the ability to deal with liquor licenses, as we should. They should have that right as long as it is uniformly applied across the boards from municipality to municipality. But to come in