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SENATOR LANDIS:      In fact, the area of withholding licenses is the source of a rather good deal of lawsuits. People who've been denied licenses sue quite frequently and try to get the absolute maximum number of licenses out there, and they use the courts pretty frequently.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now say there's three liquor stores in Hyannis and there the main street is, what, two blocks long and they all have to be side by side, maybe, in the one block. What would be the difference if there's three liquor stores side by side in Hyannis and three liquor stores down here in Haymarket Park side by side? Would they still get the same consideration?

SENATOR LANDIS:      Gosh, I trust the Hyannis city...the Hyannis City Council to be able to figure that out, LeRoy. Don't you?

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Well, I don't know. We're passing a law, though, to put it up here in statute, so...

SENATOR LANDIS:      And do you have some faith in the Hyannis City Council there...

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Well, they can...

SENATOR LANDIS:      ...to be able to make a sensible decision that fits their community? I do. I hope you do as well.

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS:      It's your district, isn't it?

SENATOR LOUDEN:      Now, they can...they can figure that out now, can't they? It...

SENATOR LANDIS:      Oh, but they can't use existing law to say no.

SENATOR LOUDEN:      But do they have laws or anything in statutes that if...and the county commissioners...

SENATOR LANDIS:      They couldn't use the density idea now.