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SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Lewis. Senator Lewis, under your amendment there is a small community in my area that once a year has a harvest festival, if you will, and it seems that in the past that there has been known to be a keg of beer in the vicinity. In-as-much as it is a complete town function they have never been bothered by it, but technically I believe that they are probably transgressing the law. Would your specialized license permit them to have this keg in a vacant lot rather than in a specific building?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll try to answer that question Senator Murphy. There are several groups that ran into the same problem and we had one of those in Bellevue where the Kiwanas Club, and I probably should not mention the name of the club, strike Kiwanas, but anyway the particular club had a little activity one Sunday when we were there and I shouldn't mention Sunday either, because of you Murph, so strike Sunday, and they were in violation and there were some problems attached to it. I had that in mind and several organizations have had these periodic meetings for their membership where they can not provide the liquor free and they must try and sell it. This makes it convenient to them and as far I know there is little or no opposition. There was some opposition at the hearing. One retailer said that he did not like it, and I said that is fine. I would ask you to adopt this amendment. I hope that answers it. I think that this would take care of your situation if one of your clubs or something like that had applied for the permit.

SENATOR MURPHY: Would you consider an unincorporated, non-profit this is truly a small community and it is more or less an....

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well you are entitled two liquor permits per community, isn't that right? Oh, unincorporated. I don't care, just don't mess up my intent Murph. I don't care what you do to it.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thanks a bunch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Lewis would you answer a little question please? Senator Lewis, this is a brand new clause that would allow these non-profit groups to have a liquor license?

SENATOR LEWIS: No, they used to be able to do it and I had to check my memory, I believe that it was once or twice a year and they had to pay \$250 to do it.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Sounds like a good deal. You have reduced that down to \$20 now, is that what this amendment does?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, four times a year, \$20. They may do it only four times during a calendar year and it costs them \$20 to do it.

SENATOR DICKINSON: How does that change it from what it is now?