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that historic day here in this Chamber...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with Tom Osborne.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...with a whole lot of folks in this Chamber on both sides of the issue and Senator Chambers saying, I used to be but I ain't as consistent as I once was. And I just recalled the consistency argument and I just wanted to recall that because I, too, have had difficulties with not necessarily the question of age limit, Senator Chambers, but just where we set them and how we set them and the criteria.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Newell, to respond to you, Senator Beutler had asked me how I would vote or whether, that he could be for this if I would be for...be against raising the drinking age. What I have been against is the sale of alcohol, period. So I think there is no age at which people ought legally to drink, like using cocaine and so forth. And at one time for a short period I had them to raise by an amendment the drinking age to 56. So my intent would be to have nobody drink...

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Senator....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so I have to come as close to that as I can and when that drinking bill comes up I will try to raise the age to that of Methuselah.

SENATOR NEWELL: But it is, in fact, an issue of rights, is it not, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not when it comes to drinking liquor. This is a political right and it is a right. Drinking is a privilege and because liquor is what it is, they allow it to be the most heavily regulated industry in this society. It destroys families. It is the most abused drug in society. It kills people. So I don't think you can equate drinking with voting, or holding office.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.