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LB 232, 698, 861, 974, 56, 968-973

I have heard many times in the debate in the past, better debates, by the way, than this one, many times the argument of what rights do young people in Nebraska have, and we have a myriad of ages...

SENATOR BEUTLER: 15 seconds, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...of maturity and majority. The truth of the matter is the drinking age should not be 20. It should probably be 19. The other truth of the matter is that doing this will not save lives, it will only make illegal drinkers and send a message of how mean spirited the older generation is towards the youth that we all expect to be better and brighter and are in fact better and brighter than us. I urge this body to reject LB 56, reject the passionate arguments, reject the sincere misconsideration of this issue and vote no on its advancement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vard Johnson. Senator Johnson, excuse me, the Clerk would like to read in just a couple of items at this time if he could.

CLERK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. President, very quickly, Senator Johnson would like to print amendments to 232. New bills: (Read titles to LB 968-973 as found on pages 372-73 of the Legislative Journal.)

Notice of hearing, Mr. President, for the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee for January 23. That is offered by Senator Beyer as Chair.

New bill, 974 by Judiciary. (Read title as found on page 373 of the Legislative Journal.)

Finally, Mr. President, Senator Sieck would like to add his name to 861 and Senator Higgins to 698.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson, thank you. Please continue.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I do want to thank you, Senator Beutler, for allowing the debate to continue on LB 56. I, personally, have not said anything on it and I did want to have an opportunity to at