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concern, and given the facts that we have indeed raised the drinking age in the State of Nebraska to 21, I feel I can do no less than at least urge the states around us to also raise their drinking age to 21 so that we can have uniformity, so that we can cut down on the incentive to travel to a different state to drink legally so that we can therefore cut down on the accidents and deaths on the highway caused by drinking (sic) while intoxicated. It is a fairly self-explanatory provision. It doesn't have any real teeth in it except to go on record and say we do urge the contiguous states around us to come into a uniformity situation with us so we can all benefit in cutting down highway deaths. I would urge the passage of the resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I didn't intend to do all this this morning. Mr. Mr. President, I was wondering if the introducer would mind adding an amendment, and I have done it very quickly here, but in one of the "WHEREASES", the last one I believe, it states that the lack of uniformity shall cause additional deaths, perhaps traffic accidents, I believe, to that effect. I am wondering if you would accept amending because I don't like...since I supported the increase to 21, I kind of hesitate to then turn around and vote that I also believe that I have caused increased deaths...I will call it related traffic accidents. If you would accept after the word "lead to increased enforcement costs to avoid increase in accidents." I assume one of the options is is better enforcement to discourage this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Are you addressing a question to Senator Hannibal?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, (interruption) early, Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Warner, specifically you are suggesting that we leave everything there but also add a phrase? Okay, I don't want to make a big issue out of this,