

say, you've gone far beyond what we in the State of Nebraska want you to do and we're giving some of that authority back to the city and back to the county where it really belongs. Without taking much time, I strongly support the bill. I've heard this on the bong bill, let's wait, let's delay. I've heard it on the changing of the age of drinking liquor and all this, so I urge you to support the bill and go on with it.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to advance the bill. Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner, I can't let you close yet. There are a lot of lights on.

SENATOR HEFNER: That's okay, I don't want to close.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd just like to answer some of these thoughts that have been brought up. The local governing bodies will have 45 days to check out this applicant and most of the cities are doing it now and some of the small villages and towns are doing it now. Sure, there is going to be some abuses, but doggone it, folks, there is a lot of abuses now and what we're doing, we're going to correct some of these abuses. And, Senator Hoagland, just get your bill out and read 53-116 and I want to read this for the record, and I hope that Senator Hoagland is listening. "Commission, power to regulate liquor control, the power to regulate all phases of the control of the manufacture, distribution, sale and traffic in alcohol liquors except," except "as specifically delegated in this act is hereby vested exclusively in the commission." So I think that takes care of you. And as far as my colleague in the green jacket sitting next to me, he said we need more debate on these complex issues. How about that bill yesterday? How about when we were talking about that impeachment amendment? We didn't even debate that on General File because it wasn't there. And how about that 200-page amendment that he offered the other day? And how about the 40 bills that we moved off of General File in one wide sweep? Senator Johnson, we didn't even talk about those bills. There are some of these bills going across here that we've never had a debate on and here you, who voted for that, saying my goodness, we need to spend more time on this. And he said it will present enormous pressures on these local governing boards. They are willing to accept it. I bet I've talked to a hundred local governing boards and they've said, we're willing to accept this, we're willing to call the shots, just give the responsibility to us. And besides, if they