

then when that initiative petition passes on lotteries we'll have a little vote of the people and we'll have slot machines and we'll put slot machines in those bars. All right? And then we'll set up other sorts of displays that are going to attract people and we're going to have, you know, an across the tracks or an across the river situation in Scottsbluff, in Lincoln, in Grand Island, in Kearney, all across the state we're going to be setting up opportunities for this disparity in regulatory functions and regulatory standards and availability of liquor and availability of other things to take advantage of the tighter standards in some cities we're going to attempt to impose. So you see it is really a step backwards. If you look at the studies in the early part of this century about how the liquor statutes should be managed, it's not they don't recommend management by locally elected public officials, they recommend centralized management by appointed people at the state level. They can apply the same standards throughout and can keep in mind what's in the best interest for the whole State of Nebraska in applying the standards given to them by the Legislature. So really, ladies and gentlemen, we're going fundamentally in the wrong direction with this bill and what we ought to do is await the results of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee's comprehensive study that Senator Hefner is going to head later this interim, during the interim, between now and the next session. We should give the Liquor Control Commission itself a realistic set of standards to work for so they can bring about the objectives this Legislature will like to see, that is fewer liquor licenses issued and we shouldn't pass this bill which is far too radical a shift in policy that is going to bring the fees in for the lawyers, that is going to put our liquor statutes in chaos for many, many years and in the end I would urge you not to enact this with the emergency clause because then we're going to have to deal with this statute beginning on Friday or Saturday or even as early as Thursday, if it's enacted with the emergency clause. So please keep that in mind and keep this bill at least the first time around from getting the 33 votes. Most of all I'd like to see you vote against it so we can reassess the issue next session. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Remmers and then the speaking order is Senator Hefner, DeCamp, Nelson, Haberman and Lundy.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, basically, I've always been a local control advocate, but I think in this case we're moving too fast. We have a study