

SENATOR HALL: LB 542 is advanced. Before we go to the next bill, I would like to introduce guests of Senator Schmitt in the north balcony. There are 21 third through sixth graders from Farwell Public Schools in Farwell, Nebraska and their escort. Would you please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. The next item on the agenda, LB 874, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 874 introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the General Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schellpeper, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, LB 874 deals with vintage wine and basically what the committee amendments do, they strike the original bill and insert language which grants the Liquor Control Commission the authority to grant a shipping license to a person who would be able to distribute vintage wines through a licensed wholesaler. And vintage wine is verified to be ten years of age or older and not available from a primary American source of supply. This amendment was agreed to by everyone, all of the different parties, and it maintains Nebraska's three-tier system of distributing alcoholic liquor. So I would move for adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Mr. Clerk, amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Senator Janssen would move to amend the committee amendments, Mr. President. (The Janssen amendment, AM1162, appears on page 1434 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Janssen, to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment was originally introduced as LB 586. It was heard in the General Affairs Committee and reported out as amended without any negative votes. The intent of the bill, as originally introduced, was to update the liquor statutes to