

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, glad to.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Schellpeper...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: If this kind of proposal came through with regard to liquor, is that, has that been something considered by the committee to allow local subdivisions to allow certain establishments to stay open 24 hours on a liquor license, has that been before your committee or...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: We have a bill currently that we're holding that would allow liquor establishments to stay open one hour longer to be more competitive with Iowa. We did not pass the bill out.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Would you anticipate if we passed this simple enough amendment that there might be more demand for an expansion of the hours of liquor licenses and do you have any feel for how your committee might react to that?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well we haven't been supportive of the additional hours or hour. I don't know how the committee would vote to go past that additional hour.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. My feeling is that even though this is a simple enough idea to understand, that it's a good deal more precedent setting than maybe we want to be without going through perhaps the introduction of a bill that would do this and I would suspect that common sense would say that if you were to do this you'd want to be able to serve liquor. It just doesn't make sense to me that you wouldn't and we're going to get to that and if that's going to be the issue, then I suggest maybe it's more appropriate to bring it to the...Senator Schellpeper's committee and have the hearing and get their input and if we decide to do this with all of that input and a public hearing then fine, but I don't feel comfortable doing it at this point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President, members, I rise in support of