

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the bill and it's primarily for two reasons. Number one, it would be because of the reason that Senator Kremer just brought out and that is the fact that even a police officer could not be a member of the American Legion. He would then have an interest in an establishment that had a liquor license. He could also own stock in say United Airlines or any of the companies that ultimately, like a railroad, they ultimately operate liquor licenses and they can serve beverages. It's for that reason that I think your, the intent of the bill is fine, it's the achievement of that intent that's just wide open and the police departments just cannot possibly live with this particular bill. For that reason I would oppose the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, I had a similar as from before to Senator Chambers and I think Senator Chambers has already answered the question as to whether it would deal with people who would be police officers and whether they could be members of private clubs and I think the question has been answered.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, then Senator Skarda.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'll have to oppose this because it's too broad. Now for example, as Senator Goodrich said, you couldn't own stock. You couldn't own any cash value in any insurance policy. You couldn't own anything in most mutual funds. I tell you this, this, when you really get down to it, interest, it doesn't say a direct interest or indirect interest, it just says an interest. This is so broad that practically every policeman in the state of Nebraska would have to be fired the next day after this law went into effect. And so I think we'd better look this over very carefully.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President and members, I'm just wondering that Senator Schmit's amendment that he had, may I ask him a question before I relate what I wanted to say?

PRESIDENT: Sure, Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SKARDA: What was the amendment you were going to offer in reference to the bill, Senator?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Skarda, there was a question raised as to whether this, the passage of this bill would preclude a law enforcement officer from owning a membership in a private club, say at our country club at David City and I would hope we can draw an amendment which will provide that a law enforcement officer may be a member of such a club.

SENATOR SKARDA: Well, okay, fine, can I go back to Senator Chambers then? Senator Chambers, is that a satisfactory proposal as far as you're concerned because in frankness to you I think this is a good bill, I think it's highly necessary and to elaborate a little bit more before I close, Senator Chambers, has in all earnestly asked the Police Chief of the Omaha Police Department in connection of some officers having some liquor establishments and to begin with they did lie openly about it. It was later brought to attention through Senator Chambers initiative that some of them did participate in liquor licenses which I think is wrong irrespective of the man in uniform having anything like that. But I'm willing to go along, Senator, if it's all right with you to adopt Senator Schmit's proposal. I think it would make a better bill out of it which would be fine.