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PRESIDENT: Well, we're still working on the committee amendments, Senator Carpenter, and--pardon me, Senator, excuse me, Senator Murphy was first to speak and then Senator Whitney and then we'll come around to Senator DeCamp. Senator Murphy. We actually have before the body, Senator Murphy, the committee amendments which the chair understands are extensive.

SENATOR MURPHY: I was wondering if Senator Carpenter would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, will you yield to a question? He yields.

SENATOR MURPHY: I wonder if the, what I would call extensive change that is made by these amendments shouldn't be given a public hearing of their own? It seems to me that the public hearing we had covered very little of this material and it digresses quite a bit from the original bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, the public hearing for the most part did discuss these things at that particular time. I don't know, I have not heard of any controversy from those who have the privilege of being in this building, I don't know of anyone who is objecting either to the contents. It's approved I think by the Commission. It's approved by the retailers association, by the wholesalers to the extent they should have any position in the matter at all and I've heard no particular complaints from anybody. Now I have no objection to having a hearing. I don't think it would serve any good purpose and in this bill like in all liquor bills I want you to be sure you understand what's in the bill and I've done everything I can to explain it to you and I've held nothing back. I have no interest in the bill at all, it won't affect me one way or another.

SENATOR MURPHY: You just, it seems to me that there are a number of items that seem quite different, Senator and I just thought I would raise the issue as a member of the reference committee I'm sure you're in a position to judge whether or not the content is sufficiently changed to justify a hearing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, you point out one or two cases. I'm not trying to be--I'm honest and I'd like to answer your questions. What provisions are you concerned about or do you think should have a hearing?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I think possibly the definition that you refer to, the doubling of the price of a bottle club license. I think these things were not in committee hearing and it seems to me, like I say, a substantial change.

SENATOR CARPENTER: These things were in committee hearing, they were amply discussed and I know of nobody, at least in the bottle clubs, I know of nobody and there might be some who have a license, who object and do not think it's an improvement. All we're doing, we're eliminating the subterfuge that now exists by requiring bottle clubs to have a membership and to be checked by those who go in and most of the time they don't, they become a subterfuge so we realize and recognize them for what they are, we give them a Class C license and expect them to comply with the law as everyone else does.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And I would say this that the Liquor Commission in the area in which I've discussed fully embraces with the exception of the dispensers everything within the bill and I would suggest that any member here, and you have plenty of time if you desire to pass the bill to Select File, to contact the Commission. They are reasonable people and Mr. Robinson who is the chairman and the other two members would