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amendment? Senator Whitney, is that all of the amendment that you want at this time?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, is there need for further discussion of that amendment? I have a whole raft of lights on. Do any of you want to discuss that amendment that have indicated to the chair? Senator DeCamp, did you want to be heard? All right, question is, shall the Whitney amendment be adopted? All those in favor please say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered then, the Whitney amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Now. We're still discussing the committee amendments and next to speak then is Senator DeCamp, then Senator Kelly, Maresh, Nore and Hasebroock. Senator DeCamp is, excuse me.

SENATOR KELLY: We've traded.

PRESIDENT: Oh, okay, go ahead.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator DeCamp and I traded places. Mr. President and members of the body, a question of Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter, yield to another question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Certainly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Carpenter, I'd like your explanation on page 21 of having the appeals from the Liquor Commission in Lancaster County District Court only.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, the only reason I can give you, the Liquor Commission desires to have it changes to what the bill indicates.

SENATOR KELLY: But no other reasons than that?

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's all, I would be the first one to admit that probably it inconveniences people to come to Lincoln rather than to try it in the county in which they reside. It may be that the people in the county in which they reside might be more liberal in the interpretation of the infraction than the people in the District Court in Lincoln.

SENATOR KELLY: Would you have any objection to an amendment that would put back in the stricken language?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Absolutely not.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator DeCamp, did you want to be recognized?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Carpenter mentioned that I had not contacted him about this and the reason was that from my conversation with Senator Waldron because this was a very big A-bill I had understood it wouldn't come up this year and although I did prepare some amendments I didn't give it further thought. However, I think it's important for you to realize and I wish you would listen to this, the original intent of this bill was very noble which was allowing the bottle clubs to have essentially the same privileges as a Class C license. However, the new material, particularly that dealing with the courts, is literally dynamite in many respects and I'll try to explain just exactly what I mean. First of all we eliminate all courts except Lancaster County. Step number one. So only the Lancaster County District Court would hear issues involving liquor licenses. And now next