

which nobody really touched upon, Senator Carpenter didn't touch upon it, and this is just pure dynamite--you eliminate trials, de noble, in that court and the only matter that goes before the Lancaster County District Court is what the Liquor Commissioner allowed to be presented to him. That is the only evidence that goes to the Lancaster County District Court. Okay, step number three in this rather unusual bill which I say contains dynamite, section 15 sets up a separate and new police force for the Liquor Commission that investigates not only liquor laws any more but other crimes. So let's just take this and look at it overall. You have a new police force created in the State of Nebraska controlled by the Liquor Commissioner and when cases involving the actions of this new police force are tested in court, they don't go to the courts like other crimes or other offenses, they go to the Liquor Commissioner himself who controlled the investigation and made the charges in the first place and makes the determination as to what he's going to allow to go into evidence. Now the amendments I've prepared which I would think the Liquor Commission would want merely set up a procedure so that the whole procedure of trying offenses would be turned over to the court and I think this is proper and it would be in the courts in the counties in which offenses allegedly occurred. So that was the first step. I had one other minor amendment which I think is important. The original liquor laws date back to the days right after prohibition and it was written into them then that a liquor license is purely a personal privilege. Well, this has been interpreted to mean that a person has no interest, not even like a driver's license almost. Even less than that. Therefore, if a person invested a million dollars in a property and had a liquor license and for some reason or other the Liquor Commission became offended at that individual, they could pull the license and destroy a million dollar investment and he's not protected because now the Liquor Commission under the other amendments, as I said, have eliminated the courts which he would normally have recourse to. Everything but Lancaster County is eliminated and then the other thing I pointed out, in Lancaster County, the only evidence that's allowed to go there is what the Liquor Commissioner says. So in a very few amendments here you've given the Liquor Commissioner of the State of Nebraska more power I think than the Legislature or the Governor. There's no other place where this could happen. As I say, section 15 sets up a separate police force that goes outside the liquor laws themselves now and so before we go on I think it would be wise to let it set on General File a day and review it and I'd like to get together with Senator Carpenter, I know he's a very reasonable man and I'm sure we could work out most of these amendments because it is an A-bill as I said with an impact of a quarter to half a million dollars.

SENATOR CARPENTER: We can't work out anything.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter, go ahead.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now Senator DeCamp has had a lot of trouble with the Liquor Commission because the people he represents have been accused numerous times of violating the liquor laws. And he hasn't been very successful as an attorney convincing the Liquor Commission otherwise. Now that's part of his...

SENATOR DE CAMP: If the Senator wishes to talk on a point of personal privilege, that is fine. I will answer on a point of personal privilege. If he wishes to discuss the law, that's fine.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You're trying to get for yourself an advantage that shouldn't even be considered. Now I've agreed to an amendment and to eliminate the provision where they have to go to Lancaster County. I presume that the Senator who asked the question will put the amendment in. Now to put in this law for