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SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay, now what about the amendment that Senator Kelly and Senator Carpenter discussed about allowing other courts than Lancaster County District Court? What happened on that?

PRESIDENT: There was no motion...

SENATOR DE CAMP: Would Senator Carpenter be willing to allow the other courts to be involved here?

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, the chair might be mistaken and there may be an amendment on the desk from Senator Kelly. That could have come in. I'm not aware of that if there is. Go ahead, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I agreed with Senator Kelly and I'll agree with Senator DeCamp on this matter.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I think we've made tremendous progress here because these two amendments change the whole ballgame back to a courtroom procedure instead of the Liquor Commission so that's important. The only final thing I have before we adopt the committee amendments, what is Senator Carpenter's feeling on section 15 in view of the fact that this is a pretty big A-portion? Would he want to wait on this until next year? That way this bill would be allowed to go through this year because it wouldn't have any fiscal impact.

SENATOR CARPENTER: There won't be any A-bill insofar as I'm concerned because it's bracketed now and I don't know if the Liquor Commission has enough funds within their budget that now exists or will exist in order to implement the additional inspectors and the increase in salaries on the Liquor Commission

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, would it be acceptable then because the other portions of this bill are profoundly important for all the motels along the Interstate and a lot of other places in Nebraska where they have bottle club licenses and are really restricted now so I think it's mightily important we get the bill pass but if we put section 15 on there, I can see difficulties. Would you be willing at least for this time to strike section 15 which adds the new police force?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, now what are you objecting to in 15 specifically?

SENATOR DE CAMP: I just object at this time because it does have fiscal impact to putting it in, giving them authority to have a whole bunch more agents and go outside the enforcement of liquor laws. I think they should stick with the enforcement of liquor laws and we'd have a lot better liquor law enforcement. I know at the present time some of the big problems in the area of liquor law enforcement, for example, you have two sets of standards. Private non-profit clubs are allowed to have gambling machines and all this kind of things and operations whereas somebody else isn't. Things like this, so...

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Senator, before you go any further I want to be cooperative. I tried to change the laws on gambling and put those people in non-profit on the same plain as everybody else.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I would agree with you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: ...and I'd welcome an amendment by you to do that and let you live with it. Put your amendment where you're talking about.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, either put the other people on the same plain with them or vice versa. There is a difference.