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SENATOR CARPENTER: You're complaining. You want to put the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, I'll agree they have no legal right to do it and the law even precludes the Liquor Commission from using their inspectors even though they see it going on from doing anything about it. I think it's wrong. I've tried a number of times to eliminate it. I got a new experience so I suggest you get the same experience. Quit talking about it and do it.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, would you be willing to drop section 15?

SENATOR CARPENTER: No. I'll be willing that you amend section 15 to do away with the gambling in American Legion and the Elks' Club that to the extent it might exist now or in the future and let you take the responsibility for it. I'd also be willing to accept an amendment to allow these inspectors to come forth with a gambling law in all non-profit operations.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I must get back to the original point. The bill we need this year, section 15 moves into a whole new area so I would move that section 15 or the Carpenter amendment be amended by striking section 15 and we can go ahead with the rest of the bill then and I think we'll have accomplished a great deal.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I'd oppose that, Mr. President. All this does, it allows them and authorizes them to appoint five new agents. Now obviously they can't appoint them unless they got the money. There's no A-bill that's going to be offered by myself insofar as I'm concerned with the present restrictions, either now or during the rest of this session. I really think that the Commission is an honorable bunch of people and that they are concerned about the enlargement of the drug traffic within Class C licenses in some areas.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I would agree with you.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And I don't propose for example to allow you for whatever reason you might have in order to eliminate and to cripple to some unknown extent the enforcement of the liquor laws in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, this certainly would not cripple the enforcement...

SENATOR CARPENTER: It wouldn't do them any good.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I think I've heard you say many times that we pass bills and then we don't fund them and you've criticized this rather strongly. Now what you're recommending is that we pass a bill with definite impact and don't fund it. If you want to fund it, fine, let's do it but next year. In the meantime, it is setting up a whole new area, a new police force investing something outside the liquor laws.

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