

SENATOR CARPENTER: I said the other day that I thought that it would probably be 25¢ a case.

SENATOR PROUD: Well I knowing that tavern owners and other business people are in business to make money, I find it difficult to believe although maybe it is true, that these tavern owners in Omaha and Lincoln and the rest of the eastern part of the state would voluntarily support a bill that is going to cost them money in paying transportation of booze to the western part of the state. Would you comment on that?

SENATOR CARPENTER: How about how many of them send them back to you signed? If any.

SENATOR PROUD: Well they are all signed. All of these...

SENATOR CARPENTER: Did they sign what was on the letter?

SENATOR PROUD: Well their names....this is either type written all on the same, exactly the same type of stationery and their name is signed and so naturally I assume that they know what they are talking about, but I want to make nearly certain as I can that you are taking the position of what they are talking about.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I can't speak for them. The letter you understand don't you?

SENATOR PROUD: I think I do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Alright, would you say that most of the other people would?

SENATOR PROUD: I would say that there is some question as to whether they understand just what is being done.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, if you read the letter would you understand it?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, I think that I understand it.

SENATOR CARPENTER: OK, then I would presume that they average person would probably understand it also. I know of no one who did anything to have anybody sign the letter to send it back. I certainly haven't.

SENATOR PROUD: I would like to say that as I interpret this and of course I could be wrong. This amendment that Senator Carpenter was successful in getting on the bill the other day is as nearly as I can reason, I think that Senator Carpenter has agreed with me will cost the tavern owners of Omaha money. They are going to have to participate in the cost of shipping in effect, in shipping booze to the western part of the state. I can't imagine any tavern owner in the eastern part of the state being for this. So, I think that they are confused on this and particularly being from Omaha, I would have to oppose any such thing as that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I can understand your opposition. I'm not trying to change it. I think that every tavern owner in Omaha that you say that you are trying to take...understood by contact through their association what they were signing. I would say that 90% of all of the licensees in the state of Nebraska are enthusiastic about this amendment. If this raises the price of whiskey for example 50¢ a case, that means that it would raise about 4¢ a bottle or quart and you divide 4¢ a quart under 32 ounces which the average drink is, you see this