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(Start of Belt #20)

SPEAKER: The clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on motion to adopt.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, what will you do with the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I move the bill be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER: Ready for the question. The question is shall the bill be advanced. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a motion.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, could you come here to the chair a moment.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk. I move to return LB 111 for specific amendment. The specific amendment is as follows: Read. Signed, Senator Proud.

SPEAKER WHITNEY: The chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, this is an amendment to LB 111 which was the Carpenter amendment, which as I understood it was to provide that all retailers would have to pay an equal amount for transporting booze or liquor any place in the state and my amendment would simply remove that and leave matters as they are so that each retailer would pay his own shipping costs, whatever those are.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Would the clerk read the amendment? I happened to be out.

CLERK: Reread motion and amendment.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I think you can pinpoint the difference of opinion. I think everybody is in agreement that I know of for the most part except those people living in the city of Omaha. To simplify it, they now have an advantage. They want to keep it. Now you Senators who represent people outside the city of Omaha, I would presume you've been contacted over the weekend and probably prior to that time in this area. Now I think I am right in saying this that those people who objected to the bill before do not have any objection to it now in its present form without Senator Proud's amendment. They are willing to accept it. They are willing to try it and see how it works out. I have assured them in so far as I was concerned, if it didn't do what I thought it ought to do, then when we come back in January I would be the first one in order to attempt to take it out. I think the bill is all right. It ought to be left alone and I think that Omaha should not be entitled to a very minor advantage. That's all it is. It represents really about 5¢ additional cost on a quart of this peculiar type of liquid beverage. If you break that into 32 drinks of an ounce apiece into a quart bottle, of course, it is really nothing, and I would say that probably, if I understand it right, a great many of the licensees in Omaha have no objection to the amendment and the bill as it now is and as has been amended by the amended and accepted by Senator Goodrich. I would hope that you people would turn the amendment down, and particularly you people from outstate. I would think that every dealer outside of Omaha wants this bill as it is and not to adopt Senator Proud's amendment. I will not die either way but maybe some other people might.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Dickinson.