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PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? The Chair is going to rule that just a simple majority will do the job. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 7 nays

PRESIDENT: LB616 is unbracketed. Senator Cavanaugh do you wish to move the bill. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR Goodrich: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Carpenter yield to another question, please? Senator Carpenter on the new bill that you distributed to all the members of the body, would you point out in that new bill where there is a 15% mark-up on the price of food?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't have it before me, the one that is marked up, but it is certainly in there it is 15% on the cost including the delivery charge.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Carpenter, I have read this bill and I can not find anything in the bill relative to 15% mark-up. There is also a couple of other features in the bill, what it would appear is happening now, is just the reverse, but there is a provision on page 12, line 22-23, that says at a price which is less than cost. In other words you are providing for the sale of alcoholic beverages at less than cost if for example it would work as a hardship on the retailer. There is another point in the bill....

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is only distress merchandise.

SENATOR GOODRICH: There is also another provision in the bill that says, in essence, you do not have to have any mark-up on the merchandise and that there is also another feature in the bill that says that you must order a minimum of cases at a time, so there is nothing that I can find in this bill that does anything than add a feature to the budget that says you will have \$1.50 transportation cost on booze, and it is for that reason that I am wondering if you would rather wait yourself to see if you have got that 15% in there. I personally don't care one way or the other, but it is just that in my reading of the bill, I can't find any provision for the 15%.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Senator is opposed to the bill in the first place, and if it is in this bad shape, I think that he would do nothing in order to attempt to have it go ahead.

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, that is not just exactly right. For example the thing that I have opposed and I have told you this myself, I oppose the \$1.50 minimum charge. I have distributed some figures that I have put together on this bill and starting out with 30 miles from the point of delivery, the point of the wholesaler, going, that is Ashland, and that is going 55 miles to Lincoln, going 7 miles to Waverly going 137 miles to Grand Island, and 177 miles to Kearney and up to North Platte at 271 miles, is the earliest point which anyone gets a break in this bill, in other words, if you live east of North Platte you are a...a...it is going to cost you extra for transportation. This would include three-fourths of the people that live in the state of Nebraska are going to pay extra on transportation so that one-fourth of the people in Nebraska can benefit from