

that it will, I'm going to put it on again, when it gets on Final Reading and I'm going to let the public know what this legislature is doing to them.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I think that those are all good sentiments that Senator Proud spoke and I think that they are all germane and perhaps they are all truthful. I think that perhaps it is even more important that there are elements that which he addresses himself too. That is the element that is so often conveniently forgotten on this floor, namely what is constitutional. If nothing amazes me the thing that amazes me at all is the fact that we come down here and we glide bills across the floor, almost assuredly knowing that they are unconstitutional. The question is not whether the legislation is good or whether it does or doesn't help certain people or whether the liquor will or won't cost more money, or whether it will or won't benefit Western Nebraska or eastern Nebraska or any other parts of Nebraska, the chief consideration ought to be that number one is it constitutional? Now any thinking intelligent person can not look at this bill and pretend that it is constitutional. All of these other items are on the side. For that reason I support Senator Proud, I think that we have better things to do that than to be debating things which are deep down which someone once said that we know is unconstitutional.

PRESIDENT: Do you have further discussion of the motion? Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, look at who is really complaining about this thing. Mr. Kewit, Mr. Kewit, he is the biggest hog of the state. He is the biggest hog in the state. Now he does or did own 97% of the World Herald, whenever he doesn't make enough money what does he do? Does he believe in free enterprise? Of course he does. He has got an absolute monopoly in not only this but many other things. He just arbitrary against the public interest and only in his own interest, raise the price of advertising and subscriptions and you either pay it or you don't get the newspaper. That is the difference in those that have a monopoly, who are not concerned about anything because they can do with their own methods what they want to do and do do it. It seems to me that it comes with poor grace and certainly dirty hands that Mr. Kewit can complain about this bill, how much it is going to raise the cost of liquor to the people of this state. Senator Stahmer will being in the old refrain the constitutionality. If he can't think of anything else, he would think of that. I don't presume that he can think of anything else but this. I would presume from what we had heard that that is what we have got the courts for. If this body was concerned whether it is constitutional or not we probably wouldn't pass anything because somewhere along the line somebody brings the question up. NOW if hadn't been for the World Herald they are the protector of the people, and I demonstrated that by the hearing that we had for example in Omaha and in the Omaha Public Power Business in which Mr. Kewit made a settlement in court of about three million dollars which he admitted that he charged too much in order to show his fairness and his concern he paid half of the attorney fees in the amount of about \$125,000. All I am saying is that the so called best people with dirty hands are always complaining about the little things that have no effect on the economy. I realize that this is not pertinent to the bill.