

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, members of the legislature, we have approximately 17 or 16½ days left and it is my estimate at this time that about 8 or 10 of those will be spent debating LB616 and figuring and devising ways to kill it each day, Peter Kewit or whoever will dredge up some new person to raise the cry against this bill, claiming unconstitutionality and today that seems to be the cry even though we a...a..not one thing has been suggested as to how it is unconstitutional. I think that we ought to get on with the other business. It has been shown in at least a half a dozen other votes here that we are going to go ahead and pass 616 and begin to break up what is without any doubt the biggest monopoly in the state of Nebraska. The most clear cut case of open monopoly sanctioned apparently by the state for several years now and this is our big chance to start running the liquor business like a business and not like a monopoly and to allow people outside of the big chain stores and Omaha a chance to also be in the business on a profitable basis, let not return it and lets just go ahead with our other business.

PRESIDENT: Alright, now the motion before us is to return the bill

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Senator Proud do you have any closing on your motion to return the bill? This is just to return only. As I understand....

SENATOR PROUD: I want to tell you why it should be returned. Are there other lights on? I don't want to close until it has been fully debated.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, go ahead Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Very quickly I just wanted to point out what Senator Nore talked about. I think that there is a problem with monopolies. I think that there is a very legitimate problem, but I think that we are putting out a bill now that will deal with that, mainly the anti-trust bill. I think that could very adequately be amended to take care of any monopolistic practice in the liquor business. I would approve of that. But I don't think that you would solve a monopoly problem by passing a non-constitutional act.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through discussing whether the bill should be returned or not? Senator Proud, why don't you close on the motion to return the bill.....Senator Proud is now closing.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, I was very interested in my good friend Senator Nore's remarks about free enterprise. He is kind of my idea of a champion of free enterprise. He mentioned the word monopoly. If there is anybody that has got a monopoly now, it is the public on the right to buy booze as at the cheapest price. Now Senator Nore mentioned the Pa and Ma operations. I presume that he is talking about taverns. Do you know what it cost to buy a tavern in the state of Nebraska not for the stock, just for the blue sky. This is how hard up those people are, I would estimate and this is strictly a guess because I'm not in the business, but it would cost between ten