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SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to support Senator Chambers in his move to indefinitely postpone this bill. I think the Board of Regents have ruled and it puts me in the mind of a child, goes and asks his mother for permission to do something and gets turned down, and then he tries his dad. In our family we always supported one another in an issue like this. I think the Board of Regents has ruled and we should support them.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak Senator Dickinson, and then Senator Murphy and Senator Frank Lewis and Senator Nore.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I rise to support Senator Chambers kill motion. I think we should remind ourselves occasionally that we are here to represent the best of our knowledge in knowing what the people of Nebraska want to represent those people. Senator Carpenter has stated many times on this floor that they don't know what a lot of these bills are about and we have to make our own judgement. And this is absolutely correct. I don't think it is any question in anyone's mind that everybody in Nebraska knows what this is all about. They are all aware of it. I don't think there is any question in anyone's mind what would happen if we would put this kind of issue on the ballot, it would be solidly defeated, and I think this is what we should do with it here this morning, and I support Senator Chambers motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: In answer to Senator Kelly's question. The Creighton delegation asked that we insert the word State on line 20 in front of college or university, on page 2, line 20. Senator, if you insert the word state if would then be applicable only to state operated institutions, and we would have to do the same thing on page 3, in the new material there and insert state ahead of college or university there. This they felt would permit them to operate as they are presently doing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis is next and Nore then Carpenter then Rasmussen.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: I don't want to belabor the point, I try to make two or three observations very rapidly. Number one, the Board of Regents has recommended many things to the Legislature and there has never been blanket acceptance in appropriations or any other thing. And if anybody is advocating that the Board of Regents ought to have those decision making and once they make a decision on priority of buildings, on dollar investment, if there are those who are willing to give that to the Board of Regents I am not. There's very little relationship between the powers and duties of this Legislature and the Board of Regents. Secondly, most groups that come to us for relief have tried to seek relief up there first, and they can't get it so they come to where the buck stops, and that's here. Thirdly, I think that you know, and I know that the thing that's keeping this hot is that it is a semi-moral issue, I suppose, with people and they don't comprehend that it is not an approval or disapproval by the members of this Legislature on drinking. We are not making that kind of judgement. That kind of judgement has been made by the people. That kind...been made by the Legislature, pardon me. That kind of judgement as to what age you start has been