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SENATOR FOWLER: Are we going to have any new hotels here?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Well, I assume we might have a few. I'd hope so.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I have an amendment to put on this amendment of Simpson's. In the last sentence of section 2, strike 3 and insert the word 7 in its place. Then it would read, "The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to any county having 7,000 or less inhabitants." This is quite essential because in some counties we have a poor distribution of the towns, particularly in the sparsest settled areas. They're....their community for sale is....in other words their market areas....is maybe in another county. And therefore I'm asking for this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, do you have any objection to the amendment. Well, Senator Whitney has just proposed an amendment to your amendment.

SENATOR SIMPSON: I did have an amendment that went to 7 and I didn't get that one on the board. I would not object to the 7 because I do have a map of the State of Nebraska showing the counties across that would be affected.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Simpson has no objection to this amendment. Are you ready for the question on the Whitney amendment? To the Simpson amendment? All those in favor of the Whitney amendment say aye. Those opposed no. The Whitney amendment is adopted. Now back to you, Senator Simpson. Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members. I would advise you strongly to leave hands off this bill and not advance it. I think it's going to cause a lot of trouble. At least out in my district every town and village are doing a real good job of controlling the number of licenses, let them do it themselves. Why should we be doing it? Now as far as Senator Syas is concerned, I'm still a believer, a strong believer in ethical fair trade practices in pricing. If you're going to run a race, let's all start at the same spot. Not let some start ahead. So that has no relationship to this at all but the villages and towns are doing their own controlling and let's let them go ahead and do it. Why should we be meddling in their affairs?

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This bill would probably help me more than any bill this year moneywise and because I am very familiar with how liquor licenses are bought and sold in Omaha, I very respectfully move that the bill be indefinitely postponed. It would open up more trouble than you can ever believe. It'll open up corruption.

CLERK: Now we have a motion pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We have a motion pending, Senator DeCamp. You can press your motion as soon as that's taken care of. Senator Marsh.....Maresh.