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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak to the bill?

SENATOR DWORAK: I have a question of Senator Newell if he would answer it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Newell, does this allow or preclude or slow up the bottling people from transferring to the metric system?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, it does not.

SENATOR DWORAK: Will they transfer to the metric system?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, that is mandated now by federal law.

SENATOR DWORAK: And is there something in the Nebraska statute that precludes that from happening?

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Dworak, what this does as you may know, we set the measures, the weights and measures, and because of a mixup in the law of what we had passed last year which the federal government originally said that they wanted, we have disallowed for larger volumes of alcohol to be sold because we have limited it to a metric size which does not take into effect the increased bottles like the two gallon or the gallon bottles and so forth. For that reason we needed to come in and make that change in law. What we have done instead is we said we will let the commission make these changes as it changes by...instead of having legislation to do it every time, we will let the commission make these changes when the changes are mandated or changes come down from the federal government. It does not do away with the metric system at all, in fact it adds to the metric system because it allows for these kinds of changes that are being suggested to come down the pike.

SENATOR DWORAK: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Let me say that this is not terribly controversial, what I just explained. Senator Dworak allowed me to speak on it and for that reason I don't