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you but I think we are debating a specific motion. We are not debating the bill pro and con. We are debating the motion and the issue of bringing the bill out onto the floor and the Chair hopes that we can keep to that particular subject because if and when the bill is brought out, then we can debate the merits of the bill. Now this may be a fine line for you but I would appreciate your cooperation, so Senator Murphy has made his opening remarks and we will call upon these as we have them down. For your information there are two, four, six, eight, ten, eleven, twelve... There are fourteen lights on at the moment so the Chair has got an assignment this afternoon. Senator Cullan and then Senator Maresh and then Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, in light of the fact that there are fourteen lights on I will just say it sounds like a good idea. And Senator Kelly, I would like to yield you a minute.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as introducer of LB 222 I sincerely appreciate Senator Murphy's position as a member of the committee requesting that the Legislature bring this bill to General File for attention by the Legislature and public debate. This is an issue that has wide state interest. There is hardly a precinct in this state that we have not heard from regarding pro or con, LB 221. We have in our files an even gross of organizational supports by letters, resolutions, open discussions and voting in their various organizations and I want to share with you some of the more "recognizable names" of these organizations, particularly those that are of a statewide nature that is supporting LB 221 in raising the drinking age in Nebraska legally to twenty one: The American Academy of Pediatrics, The Nebraska Chapter, Father Robert Hupp, the Director of Boys Town, Nebraska, the Insurance Federation of Nebraska, Lancaster County Medical Association and Lawrence McNamara, Roman Catholic Bishop at Grand Island, the Nebraska Coaches Association, Nebraska Council on Alcohol Education, Nebraska Nurse's Association, Nebraska Medical Association, Nebraska Psychological Association, the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals and the Nebraska State Education Association, the State School Board Association, Nebraska Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Greater Omaha Medical Society and Tom Osborne, the Coach of the Year, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the Professional Insurance Agents of Nebraska, Daniel E.