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a little safer going that way but they have only had 3.2 beer for a long time and I am sure that many of their young people have crossed over into Nebraska. The ideal solution would be as Senator Kelly has said that they did at Gary, Indiana, and perhaps get together but I think we need to make the first step and I believe last time we argued about this they said that Iowa was eighteen and we were nineteen. Now Iowa has come up to our drinking age so perhaps they will come again. I know the liquor industry doesn't like this because they like to sell the stuff. They don't care what it does to our young people. That is the least of their worries but as a father and a grandfather I will tell you one thing, it is the first of mine. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, then Senator Newell and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I wished some of you could have been with me the last twenty four hours at home, on the street, in the rotunda and the amount of people that have come up to me and tried to educate me in terms of this particular piece of legislation. It was amazing. For some reason it got back to them and said, Senator, it is up to you to kill the bill. You have got to kill the bill and I said, why? And this came from law enforcement, the brass in law enforcement from several parts of the state. They said because it will become an administrative nightmare. There is just no way that we can devote the time that we need to if you raise the drinking age to twenty one. You know I would have had a great deal of credence to a lot of what they had to say had they come to me two or three weeks ago or a month ago but, ladies and gentlemen, why, why all of a sudden at my home last night did I receive as many as fifteen phone calls and why all of a sudden did people come knocking at my door to discuss this very issue with me within the last twenty four hours? Because I think they became a little bit concerned that this bill has some chance of passing so I try to at least explain from where I was coming from on this particular issue. I guess you might say it is because of my thirteen years of service in the field of education. You go to any sock hop anywhere in the state, Senator Hefner, whether it is in your home town or whether it is in Senator Kelly's home town or Grand Island or even in Anselmo, Senator Lamb, go to a sock hop, go to a football game, take a blood test or a breath test of those sixteen, seventeen and eighteen year olds that are there. I'll bet you in excess of 40%