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not to expand their business at all even though they could buy one of those licenses. That would just be against the law presently.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would ask you to support Senator Koch's request to bring back LB 58 for one reason and I think that every Nebraskan should have the same privilege of expanding his business as a foreign corporation does, anybody coming into the state. After all, competition today is the name of the game and we are restricting our own residents, our own people living here from doing something that out of state people can do. I think that is enough reason right there to bring back this and discuss it further.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I would also support Senator Koch. I voted against this bill originally because I misunderstood the bill to be honest with you. I thought all they had to do was to apply for a license to go throughout the state wherever they wanted it but that is not true. The truth is that they can only get two licenses now for a Nebraska corporation. For a foreign corporation they can get all they want. Holiday Inn has no problem getting licenses. They still have to go through the city council or the county wherever it is so I would support his motion to bring it back.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Koch. I think some of the arguments that have already been made are very interesting and I certainly agree with Senator Clark but the number one problem you have to understand is this is not a battle over who is going to have a liquor license and if the Cattleman Mining Company would come to Bellevue, Nebraska, I would love it because that is a fine place and they happen to be in Kearney and they happen to be in Omaha. This is an opportunity of bringing a legitimate business into your community that may be somewhere else and providing another license. Now let's be honest about it. The public is not crying because other licensing are being granted. When I introduced a similar bill to this last time to provide that a bowling alley could have