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not want to speak to the Simon amendment why just indicate so and we will go on to the next, commencing with Senator Haberman. He does not wish to speak on the Simon amendment. Senator Murphy; Senator Nichol; Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Simon a question or two.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon, will you respond?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: How many outlets are there in the state that sell liquor, lounge or bar type operation? Do you have any idea?

SENATOR SIMON: I don't have that figure, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: And you mentioned that the cost was probably a \$1,000 for a device?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KAHLE: Would you in any way feel then that this would relieve the bar owner or operator of responsibility of shutting off a customer that had had too much to drink?

SENATOR SIMON: No, I am not an attorney, of course, Senator Kahle. I don't think it relieves them of a moral responsibility but I think it is an aid more for the customer if the customer will utilize that convenience.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, fellow colleagues, I will have to oppose this sort of thing on this bill. It is such a shotgun approach to what we are trying to get at, the youthful drinkers, that it may be a good idea but I don't believe that it should be in this legislation to clutter this particular thing up. It is something like putting meters on all irrigation wells I guess that we had here a while back and I see it as a terrific expense and, of course, the consumer is the one that is going to pay for it. Therefore, I oppose this sort of an approach at this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell, do you wish to speak to the Simon amendment? No, all right. Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Simon amendment? Question. Senator Cullan calls for the question on the Simon amendment. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in