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favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease on the Simon amendment to LB 221? I will wait for you to get there, Senator Cope. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Simon, you may close on your motion to amend.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I am not sure if everybody is waiting for further amendments or what exactly the feeling is of the body when we cease debate on just one comment that is made but let me respond to Senator Kahle because I don't think his arguments, if you can call them that, were very substantive or very strong. Senator Kelly does support the amendment, Senator Kahle, and it is his bill so I certainly would think that he would tend to be one that would be very concerned about cluttering up the bill if he didn't feel it was a legitimate amendment. The problem of people driving while under the influence is a problem that is related not only to those again that are seventeen or eighteen or even under than that, but those that are twenty and thirty and forty and fifty. This does not solve the whole problem, Senator Kahle but it attempts to address the problem in a serious manner. I don't think this is a legitimate comparison or fair analogy, Senator Kahle, between this bill and the metering of irrigation wells. I personally don't think that the spending of \$1,000 for the betterment and the health and safety and well-being of fellow Nebraskans is too much to ask for especially when I have gone out and actually talked to some people in the liquor industry. Now if you can give me the name of individuals that oppose this particular piece of legislation, this amendment, then I wish you would have done so when you spoke but I have taken the time, Senator Kahle. I did, at the public hearing, I did ask at least a couple of representatives, one that owned a liquor establishment and one that represented at least six or seven establishments as a lobbyist and I talked to some other people on this issue and they did not oppose the bill. I haven't heard of anybody that opposes, excuse me, the amendment. I haven't heard of anybody that opposes the amendment, so I guess I am trying to understand just exactly where you are coming from. I think that the cost of \$1,000 for an individual, while it is a cost, it is \$1,000, is going to help in the health and the safety of its customers and it just makes good common sense, Senator Kahle, if I am a bar owner I am