

of you have just left your lights on to speak on the main motion. It is very difficult for me to tell who wants to talk. Why don't you just...everybody turn their lights out and then start over again on this one because it is going to be very difficult for me to tell. All right. Senator Koch, proceed.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, any time one rises to debate an issue like this, particularly against the issue, it is extremely difficult because when you read the polls it is obvious the general public believes that this is wise and prudent legislation but I must also remind you that a few years ago the polls indicated equally that we should enter the war in Vietnam. Those were startling statistics too. You can say there is not a comparison nor a good analogy but I say too often when they work with polls on emotional issues they deal out of emotion and not out of fact and so it is easy for parents to believe that this law is going to resolve a problem which is a social problem that primarily cannot be blamed upon young adults because I submit to you that young adults have some miserable models. Those models are sitting on this floor. Those models are their faculty. Those models are their parents and those models are all around them. They watch us exceed the traffic laws. They watch us cheat or try to cheat on income tax. They watch white collar crime. They watch everything and I will tell you these young people are perceptive and they follow and they submit themselves to their leadership. So all of a sudden we are going to say we are going back to that automatic age of twenty-one and let me quote this of my experience. I coached one time. I coached in the south part of this state by the Republican Valley. Campbell and Franklin were right close by. In Kansas they had a drinking age less than ours and I submit to you the drinking age at that time was twenty one but I also submit to you young people were getting it and they are going to continue to get it and I will quote to you from the author of this bill, what he said in the Gateway newspaper, obviously speaking before the students, quote of Senator Kelly and he can deny this if it is incorrect. "I'm not trying to inhibit any nineteen or twenty year olds," said Kelly, "if they have any drive 'or intelligence' they can circumvent the law. I did." Now that is the author of this bill. You bet they are going to circumvent it. They will tell you where they get their booze. A lot of it comes right out of their own home. In fact I have been around where it is popular for parents to give cocktail parties right in their own home and supervised and some-