

take on the adults and say, the young people have not failed. We have failed. They can give me all the stats they want to about alcohol related fatalities. Young people, I submit to you, those fatalities are not any greater now than they used to be except we didn't keep those statistics then and the adult fatalities are equally great but this body obviously believes that we are going to throw this bill across there and we are going to solve the problem and I submit to you we are going to deceive the people because you don't solve difficult problems by such a simplistic approach. The Coaches Association, even my great friend, and I respect him tremendously, Tom Osborne, probably one of the greatest individuals I have ever met in my life, I coached one time when he was a little guy. If Mr. Osborne thinks this is going to solve the problem, he is somewhat naive but when he adds his name to it, it adds credence and I respect him for that but I would hope that by sending a letter to this body that he would not have you believe that this is going to go away because twenty-one may become the age but I submit to you that twenty-one will not solve the problem. You talk about peer pressure. Who hasn't had peer pressure? I remember my sons going through school when the dress code became no dress code because of courts. They wanted to wear what their friends were wearing but I will tell you what. They didn't wear what their friends were wearing because I made that decision what they were going to wear. I told them how they were going to cut their hair and occasionally I still advise them on what they are doing now, good, bad and indifferent but that is the problem. Too many parents don't want to advise any more. Too many parents are willing to give away their responsibility and then look at their children and say, where did I fail? They failed the first five years of their life. That is where they failed. I am sorry for being emotional but this is an emotional issue and I submit to you the best thing we ought to do to this bill right now is say to the people out there, solve the problem another way. Let's kill this bill because it deserves that kind of treatment.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker the Chair would like to introduce in the North balcony from Senator Marvel's district, twenty-five ninth grade students and one teacher from Hastings, Nebraska, Junior High, Gary Augustin, teacher. They are up here in the North balcony. Would they stand up and be recognized? Welcome to your Legislature and we have over in the South balcony