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think the first thing was that they did in Hastings? They turned off the gas. Then they could put out the fire. Then they could assess the damage and then they could have some committee meetings to see where we should proceed to. Then we could know what we are going to do. Now LB 221 can be looked at as a gas valve and don't destroy the valve. Get it over here where we can turn the handle and shut the alcohol off to the teenagers in this state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to introduce in the South balcony, first of all from Senator Warner's district, three senior students and one teacher from Norris High School in Firth, Nebraska, and they are up in the South balcony. Would you raise your hands so we can see where you are? Up there, okay. Also in the South balcony from Senator Merz's district, seventeen third and fourth graders, one teacher, three parents from Lewiston, Nebraska. Where are you? They were up there. The third group is from Senator Maresh's district, fourteen fifth and sixth grade students, three teachers, one parent from Bruning, Nebraska. Are you still up in the South balcony? There you are. I would suggest to you that as the Chair goes down the list that has been furnished, these are selected on a basis of when their lights appeared. You will be called on that basis and somebody calls the question, that is because that is the way the list is set up. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle, do you wish to be recognized on the motion to kill?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I don't want to take up much time because I think we should vote on this and I think that we are wasting our time arguing. I think most of us have made up our minds but I just want to make a couple of points. Senator Koch has said we are not going to do any good and it is the fault of the parents. Right. It certainly is the fault of the parents, but unfortunately we don't have very many perfect parents and we have less probably perfect children. None of us are perfect. Senator Kelly talked about raising his family. I have also been through that mill and now with eleven grandchildren my children are telling me help us all you can. It is a tough job. We realize now what you went through when we were growing up. We know this bill is not going to solve all of the problems but why don't we lower the drinking age to ten then if this doesn't do any good. We might as well. You say some of you are going to say, well they get it anyhow. We know that is not realistic. Well let's try it at twenty one. It seemed