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state about 52.8% of the population lives within thirty miles of the border of another state and if we pass the kind of bill that Senator Kelly has before us without the kind of amendment that Senator Hoagland and I have introduced, we are driving those youngsters into those other states, over half of the population. That is what we are doing. The majority of nineteen and twenty year olds are acting responsibly in my opinion and I can't prove that or disprove it and no one on this floor can prove or disprove that. But to me it is a lot better environment for nineteen and twenty year olds to be in a licensed supervised establishment than to drive them into clandestine environment in cars, in back alleys, in hay fields or wherever. I will not be a party to that. When that parent brings in that nineteen or twenty year old boy or girl, a victim of some traffic accident because they are out in the car rather than a licensed supervised establishment, I will not be responsible. I will not vote to raise the age to twenty-one without this type of amendment. That is irresponsibility. I will not shoulder that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think Senator Chambers was right on target about the general abuse of alcohol. It is one of the stupidest things we can do and there is no question about that. It doesn't do one bit of good to the body or to the system. It is only detrimental but the fact of the matter is through the history of man it has been used and abused and passing a law isn't going to change it. This is a serious amendment and this is a good amendment and this is a good compromise. It isn't going to solve all the problems. I know that. I realize that. Just as Senator Kelly's bill in itself is not going to solve all the problems but if we are so naive to believe that we can pass a law to stop the trickle down process to the eighteen year olds and under, if that is what we really believe, then this amendment is going to solve that problem. This amendment is the answer.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR DWORAK: And I urge your adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the Dworak-Hoagland amendment to LB 221 as found on pages 1632 and 1633. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?