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parents and since it is not going to be a crime to drink, you can't make them responsible for that but if you wanted to hold the parents responsible for what the children might do, then I think..., Senator Newell, are you listening? He is not listening so it is obvious the question was just a rhetorical question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the Chambers amendment to LB 221. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to indefinitely postpone LB 221.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am going to make this quick because I think everybody has got their mind pretty well made up. I do want to tell you, as I was thinking about the debate today, I went back and I reread some of the Puritan literature of the eighteenth century. The concept there, of course, was that you made everyone good through fear. Everybody was forced to go to church and if they didn't behave in church they had a guy there with a stick. They would hit you. If you did something wrong then, of course, if you read the Scarlet Letter, you know that they could put some kind of a letter on your chest to identify what you are, but you know that noble experiment was not successful. That noble experiment was not successful even with the fear motivation. Senator Kelly has improved on it somewhat here. He has taken the sticks out although I do think the punitive measures for violating the law ought to be the old dunking board, that we get a pond and we establish that in the public center of every community and if they catch them doing that, why you attach them to it and you dunk them in the water and you lift them back up and you dunk them in the water. So I think the bill could be improved if you want to pass it. I think the arguments have been made. I think it is a serious mistake to pass this kind of legislation. I see somebody handed out a Joe B. Williams poem. That is the man who is president of the Nebraska Council on Alcohol Education. He is for prohibition. He does not like any alcohol. If