

our hands like Pontius Pilate did and say, let it happen. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the indefinite postponement of LB 221. Senator Venditte and then Senator Kelly. Senator Venditte, do you want to speak to the kill motion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and colleagues, please bear with me. I want this for the record, not to delay the debate in any way. Regarding the Massachusetts study that was handed around by Barry Reutzel and referred to by Senator Koch in his kill motion statement, I would read: "Massachusetts who recently raised their legal drinking age from 18 to 20 did a comparison of DWI before and after the drinking age was raised, but they were able to compare only one month to one month and the two months used were not even the same month. This was attributed to a lack of computer space. The findings were as follows: That there is a slight increase in DWI in Massachusetts on the age change." Massachusetts...the two months that they take this finding from...can't even read my own notes, sorry about that. But the findings were as follows: In the month of February, '79 there was 14 percent of the males and 11 percent of the females that were under 20. Two months later in April 16 the age change went to 20 into effect. Then in the month of October, '79 there was an 18 percent of males, 13 percent of females were DWI. Massachusetts has no report out on alcohol related accidents, only the two different months on DWI. Compared to Michigan's various studies in the three months prior and the three same months following the raising of the drinking age, and compared to Iowa's full year of study, the Michigan and Iowa studies are more representative of the effect that raising the drinking age has. Senator Koch, it seems unfair to me that a system that is causing disaster you demand be replaced with perfection, which is not available. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I rise to support Senator Koch's motion, and to commend him for bringing it before the body. I guess we have seen arguments on studies and statistics here, but I think perhaps what we ought to look at is experience. As Senator Koch indicated, the drinking age in the state of Nebraska used to be age 21, and I entered the University of Nebraska at that time. At that time if you wanted a drink you drove down to Kansas. That is where you got your alcohol. Now the drinking age in Iowa then was 21. It will be a lot easier now to get alcohol for students at the University of Nebraska because Iowa is a lot closer. I had a student that I