

attended high school with who was killed on Highway 77 coming back from Marysville with a group of people. I think Senator Koch makes a good point. The alcohol will be found. I think it is very tough to try and tell Nebraska's young people that they can't drink in this state so they are going to have to go across to Iowa, Kansas, Wyoming and get their alcohol. I had a researcher look at how close campuses were to border states, private and public in the state of Nebraska. There is only one campus that is more than ninety miles away from a state where there would be a lower drinking age, and if Senator Kelly's bill passed, and that is Platte Community College in Columbus. Every other campus, every private college, every state university, every state college, every technical community college is ninety minutes away from alcohol or less. Most are sixty minutes away from alcohol. People will be driving those highways. They will be driving those surrounding states to get that alcohol, because they are used to drinking it now, because they can see that it is legal in other states, and the pattern that used to exist when I entered the University will go back and will go back to having people driving long distances for their drinking. For this reason I support Senator Koch's amendment... or motion to kill the bill. It is not going to solve the problem. It is going to create a whole new problem, and if the argument is somehow that we are worried about traffic fatalities, the problem will exist now on the highways from people going to other states. I think Senator Koch has a good motion here. I will support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Powers, do you wish to speak on the kill motion?

SENATOR POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the kill motion and I am new in this Legislature and I am sorry I haven't had the opportunity to become more acquainted with Senator Koch because by his own admission here he establishes or sets himself up as the most qualified senator in this Chamber to judge young people, that he has worked with them and because of his job background he is the most qualified, and I am sorry I haven't had the opportunity to become acquainted with him because there is a lot I don't know about young people. I have...we raised nine children. I have five married children. I have gone through the 8th grade and the 9th grade and the 10th grade and the 11th grade and the 12th grade with these children. I know that the liquor and booze for young people is a great attraction, a great temptation. By using Senator Koch's line of reasoning I would assume that the laws mean nothing and if something is available why I would assume that he probably would be in favor of legalizing marijuana.