

Mr. Venditte. You teach Health. How many young men and women that came to your class today are abusing it? I am just saying that those of us who sit here today and make a vote to raise this age and say we have done anything to solve a problem, if there is a problem, we are misleading the public. Mr. Kelly can give me all the statistics he wants to, it depends how you enforce the existing law. To what degree do you enforce it? I submit to you they can arrest that many adults, those who wear the uniform, if they wanted to. I remember a few years ago here in Lincoln when they had the famous SWAT team, and they staked out the bars. They arrested more adults than they ever did young adults. I am talking about those of us who are in our upper ages. The only thing that kept some people from driving in this town, they took a cab, because they were afraid that group had staked them out. Maybe we ought to put in our law that when you drink, you ought to have to get a cab. That would help the cab companies. It is obvious that you people have made up your mind, but at least I stated to you what I believe that you will not solve the problem because that problem is one of individual preference. That problem has been with us a long time, and that problem will remain with us. There's only one way you can get rid of it, and you can't even get rid of it by an amendment to the Constitution and we tried it once here, remember that, you historians. We try to say that alcohol is evil, there shall be no more in this great land of ours. So we passed the amendment. It didn't solve the problem, it merely aggravated it. So then we came back and repealed that famous amendment and made it legal. So here we sit again. The other day we talked about apricots, and now we are talking about alcohol. We talked about foreign policy and we were going to solve the problems internationally, and now we are going to say to this state, we are going to raise this age back there because we are going to solve the problem, and I submit to you it is your choice, but at least I am on record that I say it will not solve it. You will drive it underground. It will still be there, and it will be nothing that is worthwhile to any of us, except what you said to the young adults of this state is, we believe in you, but you are the only ones abusing the business of booze, the rest of us are examples which exemplify the highest standards and we are the only ones that know how to use it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Time is up.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, that is all the time I need.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the indefinite postponement of LB 221. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted?