

Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Okay, Senator Koch, I'm going to call the question...I'm going to call for the vote. Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: Record vote read. (See pages 299 and 300 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 31 nays, 1 excused and not voting, 3 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland has amendments and they are found on page 282 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, several of us have signed an amendment that the Clerk has just read into the record, and let me just say a word or two about this particular amendment. Senator Dworak is planning to close and I am planning to spend just a minute or two opening. Now I think a number of us who signed this amendment do feel that there may be some difficulties and some disciplinary problems in the high schools dealing with teenage alcohol abuse. I can't speak for everyone who signed the amendment surely but I know that those are my feelings. Now this so-called off-sale proposal was something that we have discussed extensively over the summer and the fall. Senator Dworak and I presented this particular amendment when we debated this bill last session, and recently we have circulated a memorandum which each of you, I believe, has received discussing in detail the content of this proposal. Now this proposal is designed to address the three principal arguments in favor of raising the drinking age to age 21 across the board, and those problems are, first the alleged trickle-down problem, that is that a lot of 19 and 20 year olds are buying liquor off-sale at package stores and passing it down to younger teenagers who in turn are creating disciplinary problems in the high schools. Now this amendment addresses that for reasons I will give shortly. This amendment also addresses the problems that Senator Kelly raises about automobile accidents that are created or caused or as a result of teenage alcohol abuse. Finally, this particular amendment deals with the general sentiment, I believe, which lies behind Senator Lewis' amendment, and that is that...(sic) Senator Lewis' bill, and that is alcohol consumption basically is not good for society, and we should discourage its use as long as possible. Now let me explain first of all what the off-sale amendment is. Now the off-sale proposal would prohibit persons from under 21 from purchasing alcoholic beverages at package stores or at bars to take out for consumption elsewhere, or to