

would be driving long distances back and then we are going to have serious problems with that as Senator Dworak pointed out so well in his closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Besides the difficulty of administering a proposition like this, there are very serious matters that I think should be considered when we talk about a bill that is going to extend the use of liquor. The problem with alcohol is that it makes liars of people, not just when they are drinking but when they are talking about it. What would be much better as an approach is for people who want to drink to admit that it is a hazard to health, it leads to the breakup of families, it is involved in an unconscionably large number of traffic accidents. You can find it in divorces, child abuse and practically every ailment that besets this city. But because people cannot honestly acknowledge that they are going to consume a harmful substance even though they know that it is harmful they go through the intellectual dishonesty of trying to convert it into a positive good. Alcohol is not a positive good. Terry Carpenter, who used to sell it, stated something which showed almost amorality or immorality, alcohol is for selling, not for drinking. Alcohol provides a huge amount of money to certain interests and that is why we have the liquor industry concerned about a bill like this. It is going to cut down some of their customers. Alcohol, I think, is a great leveler, not only in the sense of when somebody consumes too much that they stretch out horizontally on the ground or wherever they find themselves, but it takes away whatever intelligence or other civil abilities they might have. I have noticed that when some of the senators leave the legislative floor and go to the lobbyists' gatherings, you cannot find an invitation extended without cocktails being put as a part of the invitation. They know you have to oil the senators up with alcohol, and there are some whose conduct you can actually notice a difference in when they come back. These are realities that ought to be confronted. But I say alcohol not only makes liars but hypocrites of people. It is a positive bad thing, and if being opposed to an extension of its use makes me whatever it makes me in somebody's mind, that is exactly what I have to be.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will never vote for a proposition which will extend the use of alcohol. Voting against it is not going to stop its use, just like my voting against the use of cocaine or heroin will not stop its use. But you will not see my affirmative vote for an extension of its use,