

wanted to say. Senator Kelly, with the addition of the amendment which was adopted, this has become a pernicious bill, something in which I think you put a lot of time and I am talking about the original bill, and I couldn't expect you not to get off...I couldn't expect you to get off your bill. But I see this as a joke now. This bill does not do anything significant at all. If the Legislature intended to raise the age at which people would drink, they should have passed the bill that said so. I have to commend the cleverness and capability of Senators Hoagland, Johnson...I meant Hoagland, I always put them together, Dworak and Wagner in the way they have maneuvered their amendment through. Somebody, while I was upstairs listening to this discussion, had mentioned about drinking the bad wine first and I think that was a biblical reference to a wedding, but there was another verse that talked about putting new wine in old bottles. Senator Kelly, that amendment was like new wine in old bottles. The reason you didn't do that was because the old bottle, it was made out of skin, had done all of the stretching that it could do. When you put the new wine into it and it began to ferment there would be additional stretching and the bottle would burst. They have just rent your bill asunder. They have turned it into something which can be applauded by the liquor industry, which is going to keep all of the evils that the original bill was designed to confront. It will keep all of those evils in place. I told Senator Kelly I would vote and support 221. He wants 221 even in its mutilated state. I can't support it, but I won't vote against it. If I voted for this bill, Senator Kelly, it would be in its present condition, a violation of the things that I believe I ought to do as a legislator, and I think when we start out talking in terms of principle on an issue, that is the way we have to carry it through. For some people on this matter, the only principle is to keep the liquor industry in the position to corrupt the youth as it has corrupted the older people. I don't see any difference between younger people and older people drinking except that you treat even farmland different when it is virgin land and when it is just about farmed out and has not much value for anything else. You would do things with old worn out land that you wouldn't do with good land. Our youth...our youth should be given something better. They are not drinking because they have sat down and thought it through and made a deliberate conscious judgment that this is the best thing for them. They see it all around them. And like the commercial on the light beer says, monkey see, monkey do. Everybody asks for light beer. What are you, a bunch of sheep? Yes. That is precisely the way the liquor industry views the public. Look at the advertisements that they put on television and it will tell what they think of you. We are not talking now