

prevail. I still have the concern that if we allow, or do not allow, or do not extend the privilege to 19 and 20-year olds of drinking legally, we are going to force them into an automobile. Now the DeCamp compromise forces only the 20-year olds in the automobile across the state lines...or I'm sorry, the 19-year olds in the automobile across the state lines. Now if that argument prevailed and many of you co-signed Senator Hoagland and my amendment, many of you voted for it, I would assume that as the most prevailing argument, that argument is still valid this morning. I think we have enough votes to pass LB 221 as amended. I think the compromise is going to make us look foolish in the eyes of the state and admitting only half the problem on either side of it. I don't understand how Senator Kelly could compromise down to 20 believing as firmly as he does and raising the age across the board to 21. That fifty percent compromise to me is true capitulation, it is true disservice to half of the youngsters that Senator Kelly feels compelled to save with this piece of legislation. So I think we have solved the problem last session. I would admit that there are a couple ambiguous words in our amendment which was not intentional. We have an amendment prepared this morning to solve one of those problems. The bill drafter is working on the other, and they will be offered in good faith just as the amendment was offered in good faith. So, I would urge everybody that supported the compromise last week, the 19-21 year old split age, to stay firm with your convictions and reject this half bad compromise.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Unicameral Legislature, I support Senator DeCamp's amendment rather than the half bad amendment. Half bad, my eye...it is totally bad. That is the Dworak-Hoagland amendment that works with a split age which is very similar to reinventing the square wheel that didn't work the first time out and nobody is using it today, which is the same with the split age in consumption of alcohol across the United States. The Hoagland-Dworak amendment, as you can tell from the Attorney General's opinion, is ambiguous at very best and totally unworkable in its standard form. Senator Hoagland has stated that he wants the 19-20 year olds drinking in supervised atmosphere. From the Lincoln paper I sent to you a copy of a robbery at Kato's Bar and you will notice that the barmaid says that I thought he was going to shoot me in the stomach. About six bar patrons described by the waitress as "half lit" didn't even realize a robbery was