

taking place. Now this is the supervised atmosphere, the supervised setting. Now Dworak has told me, and I believe others, that his idea with the amendment would be that 19 year olds would have every privilege that they have now with alcohol, except they couldn't purchase it in an off-sale licensed place. With that in mind, the 19-21 year old enter a package liquor store and the 19-year old makes the selections for the products he wants. The 21-year old pays for them. They both enter the automobile and two blocks later the 19-year old was alone in the automobile and I submit to you that under this amendment there has been no violation of law. We talk about the young people have to drink so very badly, that they will drive to other states to do it, yet those who would oppose LB 221 and students at the University of Nebraska surveyed high schools throughout Nebraska, including the Missouri River towns of Omaha, stated by the high school people that eighty percent of them said they wouldn't even consider going to another state to obtain alcohol at the age of 21. How many would go is very doubtful. But surveys we don't need, subject thoughts we don't need. We have the answer in the experience and the example in Iowa where a year ago they raised their drinking age from 18 to 19. Now it is about fifteen-twenty minutes to Kansas from Iowa. South Dakota is right next door. Both of them with 3.2 beer. Wisconsin covers a big area of the Iowa border at 18 age, and Illinois with split ages and split times along the Missouri River is another tempting place. The fact in Iowa, when the drinking age was raised to 19, the automobile deaths, and remember that Iowa has a river on each border, the deaths of 18 year olds with alcohol and automobiles in Iowa dropped fifty percent in that year. We, in Nebraska, would be able to have the same harvest, have this same benefit by raising our drinking age to 21, that not being possible at this session we would raise it to 20 and we would save in Nebraska at least half of that age group, the 19-year olds. You have read the statistics that I passed out by the bushful to where when you receive them now they are so overwhelming in your mind you don't even read them, but remember that the 19-year old...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have ten seconds.

SENATOR KELLY: ...the 20-year old is the major abuser of alcohol in this state and we should not reinforce that in statute. I accept and support John DeCamp's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte. Passes. Senator Reutzel, speaking to the DeCamp amendment. Are you a joint sponsor