

that has been talked about is not the special interest groups' proposal, it is young peoples' proposals, it is one that realistically recognizes that people will be going across the river, will be driving in their cars, will be out and adding to those statistics that you so frequently tout, Senator Kelly, and for that reason I think that the on-sale off-sale, if this bill is to go anywhere, should remain. It is reasonable. It is not the liquor interests' idea. It is the young people of this state who will continue to drink whether this age limit goes to 20, to 21 or to 95, because it is prohibition. In any other form it is still prohibition. The difference is it is prohibition for the minority, for the youth, for the young. It makes criminals out of them, and that is why, if we have to do anything, this on-sale off-sale proposal is reasonable. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the DeCamp amendment. The other day when the on-sale off-sale amendment was offered by Senator Dworak I did not support that. However, when the idea was first mentioned, it sounded like possibly a reasonable compromise, but I can see that there are many faults with that compromise, but I do believe that Senator Dworak is certainly sincere in offering it. He is not just simply trying to kill the bill. However, I believe since that compromise has been voted on, some of the people are seeing that it is not a workable solution to the problem we have before us. So we go back to the original reason for the bill, and we don't hear much about that lately, and that is that there is a problem among younger teenagers, drinking among younger teenagers. They associate with the older 19 to 21 year olds and this is the real problem. So I see this compromise as a partial solution to that problem that you are going to have a tendency to keep those age groups farther apart. You will have a tendency to keep liquor away from some of those younger kids and this is the real problem. This is the thing we have been working toward. The compromise is a good one in that it is a compromise, it is not a complete sellout and I believe it should be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. We are speaking to the DeCamp-Reutzell amendment to LB 221.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as I understand it the DeCamp amendment and the Reutzell amendment strikes the Hoagland and Dworak amendment. Is that right? Senator DeCamp.