

Will you hold up your hand so we can say good morning to you? Are they gone? Senator Nichol, are your guests still under the south balcony? Ann Quintard, County Superintendent and Welfare Director from Sioux County, and Ed Guzman, Welfare Director, Scotts Bluff County. Will you stand so we can recognize you? What is the next...

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion is offered by Senator Koch and it is found on page 307 of the Legislative Journal, and it would insert the following new section: (Read Koch amendment.) That is offered by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What page is that on?

CLERK: It is 307.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is obvious the bill must be pretty much in the shape that we want it, the majority wants it, and I think it is only fair that since we are vindictive about the minor that we should establish the fact that there is indeed going to be a liability, and since we believe that we now have the right age, we should proceed and make this bill as good as we can and this amendment offers that possibility. I offered one a year ago and I am sorry I didn't offer the same one again, whereby if a young adult was involved in a serious incident as it relates to the abuse of alcohol that we should hold not only that young adult responsible but the parent or guardian as well, and we should make them take defensive driving or help to pay the consequences of violating a law. However that might be a little extraneous and we would never want to make adults responsible for their children, but we should always make the children totally responsible for some irresponsible parent, and this is what this gets down to in many cases. I would like to quote to you...we get a lot of editorials, but we only get those that we like, and obviously there are some who believe that every time an editorial is presented that it is always correct. So from my point of view I will present an editorial that appeared the 17th of this month here in the Lincoln Star... talking about the same subject. Enforcement of existing laws, and I quote: "Education as maudlin as it may sound, love and support perhaps do far more than a change in the drinking age to guard against the tragedies of teenage alcohol abuse in what is at any rate not a risk-free world. If the Senators are compelled to address the problem with legislation, they should direct their attention to Dave Newell's LB 732, which would stiffen the penalties for the