

them that they are too irresponsible to be served alcohol. This seems to me to be a truly more than ironic point but a sad point as well. My feeling is that if we indeed believe that our young people are able and capable to serve, they are able and capable to drink alcohol. Now alcohol is something that I have not been very fond of. I am very very concerned about its effect on our young people. You can vote against LB 221 and feel strongly about the teenage alcoholism. You can care about the situation that we have in that area and still vote against this bill because it is not going to help the situation I don't believe but at the same time you have got to realize the situation young people are feeling. To them alcohol is more than just being allowed to drink beer and what have you. To them it is a symbol. It is a symbol of you as members of the Legislature and as leaders of this state, how you feel about young people, how you feel about their responsibility and their capability and by voting to increase the drinking age it is more than the question of being allowed to drink alcohol. It is a question of are our young people responsible. Are our young people full citizens with all the full responsibilities and rights that all of us share and enjoy and by raising the drinking age I think you are slapping our young people in the face. As a young person myself, I truly believe that it is important that somebody makes that point and it is an important point. So, I ask you as you are about to vote on LB 221, when you go back to your home districts and you talk to the young people and they ask you, do you favor the reregistration for the draft, do you favor the reinstatement of the actual draft, do you favor public service through a draft system and you answer, yes, then they ask you the next question and they ask you, do you favor to raise the drinking age and your answer is, yes, I favor raising the drinking age. Then I am going to ask you now how you are going to be able to explain that position. I don't think you can. I don't think that is a situation that you are going to be able to answer in a way that is going to be satisfactory because you can't have it both ways. On a situation where somebody is able to represent this country and to be called into service to give of their time and their careers and at the same time they aren't allowed to have a beer, I just wonder about the justice in that situation. So, I've made my point and I feel very strongly about that. I've got before me, you've all seen the article, the reregistration of the draft is upon us. It is going to include nineteen and twenty year olds, both men and women. It is potentially going to go down to eighteen year olds as well as nineteen and twenty year olds and here we are, just about to pass a bill and the votes are all there. I know it is going to pass. The votes are there to pass a bill in the face of this new development, in the face of this new responsibility we are thrusting on