

those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you all voted? We are going to need some votes from those of you underneath the south balcony. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried, the amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell now moves to amend (read amendment).

SENATOR NEWELL: This would also strike the Schmit amendment that we just placed on the bill. Now I need to explain the Schmit amendment which was put on very quickly without anybody really understanding it. What the Schmit amendment basically strikes, all of the fees that are now paid by liquor interests in this state for licensing. Since we did not debate this issue most people did not realize what was happening. You see the Schmit amendment makes the fees that we established in 1932, at that time there has been no change at all in the fees, the Schmit amendment did away with those fees even. So, we now no longer have to pay fees and have a wide open liquor situation where there is only a two dollar fee for registration. With that in mind I would hope that the body would undo this marvelous mistake and by this compromise, which is an attempt to deal with for the first time, deal with a more realistic set of fees for the liquor industry. Basically what this amendment would do is move from our present two dollars for registration fee to ten dollars. Now that is a substantial increase except that you have to realize that we have never increased these fees ever, ever, ever. We established this in 1931 or '32 or '33 and that is where it has been all of these years. The next thing it would do is change the, amend the bill to set up another class of Class C license per the Liquor Commission's request, and this Class C license would simply be an off sale/on sale dividing the on sale/off sale opportunities under a Class C license. We keep the one license at \$250 and we raise the other one to \$300. Now that is cutting it back from the bill's original proposal of \$350. With that in mind I would remind the body that this is not unreasonable, that I have compromised from the original proposal and for reasons that I am not at all sure of other than people have been getting some calls and they respond to. . . they have responded to those calls even though they did not realize that we had never increased the fees. With that in mind I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald.