

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Speaker and members, I endorse Senator Schmit's amendment. This industry has so many regulations on it now, I don't see how we can charge their fees from \$350 another \$100. So I endorse the Schmit amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to say this in regard to Senator Newell who has the words of wisdom on about every subject that you can think of, but there is one thing that you can generally be certain of and that is that he is going to be against the businessman and for government. I think that it is about time that we recognize that business has a tough time to earn enough money to pay the taxes to support the bureaucrats that roam around the State of Nebraska and the United States of America trying to find new ways to harass the guy that makes an honest living. Now I know that it is popular to take off after the liquor industry. There have been times when I have done it myself. But I think whether you like it or not the liquor industry is a licensed industry in the State of Nebraska and it pays a substantial portion of taxes and as long as it is licensed I think that it is unfortunate that we find individuals who try to imply that they have got a free ride and that they are not paying their share. I can tell you very frankly that the fees suggested by Senator Newell may not be obsessive in the City of Omaha, but in Bellwood and Bruno and Brainard and the towns in my district they are. I want to say at this time that maybe Senator Newell didn't know what was going on but I think that the members of this legislature who voted for my amendment knew what was going on, knew what Senator Newell was doing or attempting to do and rejected it, and rejected it decisively. I want to say once more that the time will come when business in general is going to get fed up. They are going to say that they have enough of it and when someone no longer invests the money and provides the job to keep people who don't know how to do that sort of thing in business, there is going to be a lot of people looking for work. I do not stand here to defend the Liquor Industry, I don't have to. It is licensed, it is regulated, it is controlled, it has had enough harassment without being taxed out of business. That is what Senator Newell's amendment would do to most of the small establishments in my legislative districts. I vigorously oppose the amendment and ask that you reject it..

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I would have to admit that I was less than attentive on the previous