

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you want to close on your amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. The . . . if that be the case that E & R would take out that provision then Senator Schmit is correct in that he is only going back to where we are today. That is not. . . that was not to my understanding, I thought that he was moving all of those and. . . that the repealer clause would stay and consequently that would repeal all liquor license fees. Now let me explain simply this and I would like to explain it to the body. These fees have never been increased, never ever been increased. We established the Liquor Control Commission in the 30's when we repealed prohibition. There has been no increase at all in that 40 year period. The increase that my amendment is proposing is a very simple one to take the yearly registration fee from two dollars and increase that to ten dollars. Now that is not unreasonable. In 1983 then it would go to fifteen dollars which was the original sections of the bill. The other thing that it does is simply this. It moves the Class C license from \$250 to \$300. A minor increase, a minor increase considering the fact that these fees have never been raised. These were the original fees when we established the Liquor Control Commission. With that in mind, I urge the body to adopt this. I think that is a reasonable attempt to try to satisfy the industry, that they are not over burdened, they are not paying too much, that a \$50 increase in one class of license is not only not unreasonable, but it is probably too modest and with that I urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Newell amendment as explained. Senator DeCamp, your light is on. We are dealing with the Newell motion. Do you want to talk?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'll just repeat again that I think you are all screwed up as Christmas geese in here in terms of knowing what you are doing. You make it sound like you are effecting the \$250 and \$500 license fees. You are not dealing with that at all. You are dealing with the registration fee and in terms of these modest increases that he is talking about he forgot to mention that they would split the license in two and you are going to pay double and you would get taxed the city level. A liquor license is absolutely the most expensive license in this state. You have to pay for it every year, Davey, I don't know what nursing homes pay for licenses but I'll tell you they don't pay anything like liquor. Liquor also is one of the most heavily taxed ingredients in the state in terms of selling it. I'm willing to tax it as much as anyone else, in fact, I put the amendment on last year to tax them a little more to pay for some