

understand the question of opening a trucking route between one community or another but I am not sure, and I hope that members of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee can try and indicate, I do not know what public convenience or necessity is with regards to a liquor establishment. When is the public's convenience served by the establishment of a bar and when is it not served? Certainly, what is the necessity? How do you prove the necessity for a liquor establishment? Is it served because it is within walking distance perhaps of the area? Can you come in and say, well, there is no bar within six blocks of this area so the public convenience and necessity can be served if we grant a liquor license? These are the types of questions I think we need answered. We need to know what our constituents would have to prove, what they would have to demonstrate to get such a license. Now the second one, (d), I think is even more ambiguous and that is that the operation of the proposed service will be consistent with public interest by providing services designated to meet the distinct needs of each individual customer or a specifically designated class of customer. What is the distinct need of a patron of a liquor establishment? Is it that a certain brand of liquor is not available? Is it that a certain quality of alcohol is not available? Is it that there is no bar in the area that serves light beer and, therefore, there is a need for a bar that serves light beer? And what is a specifically designated class of customer for liquor establishment? What types of things would be considered appropriate or inappropriate for a class of customers? Is it related to the income level, socio-economic class, age group? How do we decide that this bar will serve this class of customer? For example, some parts of Lincoln lack a country western bar. Perhaps they need one, perhaps they don't. Are those the types of questions that people are going to have to come to the Liquor Commission and indicate, and then if you get your license on that basis and say we will serve this class of customer and we will meet this need, we will serve country western customers and we will provide light beer, what happens when the license is sold? Suppose then you wanted to change the class of customer that you were serving or the type of need that you were meeting? What this bill does is establish a whole new criteria. Now I have no problem with (a) and (b), that the applicant is fit, willing and able to properly provide the service. I think that we should limit liquor licenses to those who, in fact, are able to implement that license and I have no problem with the (b) that says that it should be willing to conform to all provisions, laws, regulations, et cetera. I think those are essential. But (c) and (d) are I think interesting concepts that need to be explained. I think that perhaps in this age of deregulation that we should not be establishing these extra criteria