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LB 83, 217

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Okay, I just wanted to make sure I understood it. Thank you.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you, Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't want to waste the body's time because I don't think that this is a very controversial proposal. I simply want to compliment Senator Stoney on his presentation and on bringing this issue to the Legislature. I think he has done an outstanding job of addressing one of the more serious crimes or potential crimes in the State of Nebraska and I rise to support his concept and express my appreciation for the very excellent work that he has invested in this effort.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 83 as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Now we go to LB 217.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 217 was introduced by Senator Merle Von Minden. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 15. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Von Minden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I introduced 217 so that you may have liquor on election day, not that you have to. I knew when I introduced this bill that there would be some people as soon as you mention the word "liquor", they cock their heads and say, "I am against it". If you will hear me out, I will try to explain to you why it is causing a harm to some of our businesses. Over a hundred years ago, in fact 1869, our lawmakers said that we shall not have liquor on election day, and for perhaps seventy-five or eighty years, that was a good bill. At that time, Senators, you could...you did vote in bars and saloons because perhaps there wasn't enough suitable places to vote. The saloons were probably the only place that had a floor in the building and I imagine at that time maybe some swaggering Senator like Senator DeCamp, I am looking, that