

could walk up to the bar and slam his fist down and says, "Give everybody a round of drinks", and you might buy a vote but that today is outdated. We now vote in school houses, clubrooms, fire halls and other suitable public places. The reason that I introduced the bill is the harm that it causes to eating establishments in places like where I live, in my district in South Sioux City, Nebraska. One of my businesses up there on election day had gross receipts of \$3200. The very next Tuesday, he had gross receipts of \$10,700, not all on account of the liquor. I think perhaps the federal government with the IRS stating that we can wine and dine clients throughout Nebraska has brought on some of this. It is not uncommon for a businessman to take a client out and wine and dine him at a fancy high-priced eating place. So in Nebraska in South Sioux City, if the Caterpillar Company is taking a bunch of clients out for dinner that night and it is on election day and one man says "I am used to a cocktail with my dinner", where do we take these people? We take them over to Iowa. Senators, Icwa, South Dakota and Wyoming, they let people have a cocktail on election day. Nebraska does not. So we are taking business out of Nebraska over to Iowa and South Dakota and Wyoming. It is causing harm to our better eating establishments, such places as the steak houses which I am referring to. Just for instance, a year from now in May if this body was in session and election day came up and this body here was stationed in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and for instance, the new car dealers had taken all the Senators and their spouses out for dinner and maybe twenty-five to thirty of the car dealers and their wives, that would be approximately one hundred and fifty to two hundred people, and one of the Senators says, "Well, let's go into Sioux City, Iowa because I am used to a cocktail with my dinner". Where does the one hundred and fifty to two hundred people go? They go into Sioux City, Iowa so we are losing the revenue from that. Another good reason, Senators, in 1977, Senator DeCamp introduced a bill here abolishing liquor off on special election days, and as of now, and that went over in this body 32 to 12, as of now I have no letters from any election commissioner stating to me that they have had any drunks come to the polls, and beings you have to register now and you have to register in your precinct and you have to sign your name when you come to the polls, I can't see where it is going to interfere with election. The harm is to our eating establishments so, Senators, I wish we would advance this bill on to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise