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LB 431

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 431, I have no E & R amendments. I do have an amendment from Senator DeCamp. It is found on page 185 of the Legislative Journal. Senator DeCamp has an amendment to the bill on 185 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp, amendment to LB 431.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the old story, simple amendment, I think...is this the credit card amendment? Something to do with credit cards? Then it is a simple amendment.

CLERK: Yes, credit cards.

SENATOR DeCAMP: At the present time, you cannot, because of other laws you cannot buy any liquor on credit. Well, there is probably half or two-thirds or three-fourths of the people at one time or another violating this accidentally and maybe even unintentionally. The idea of that law was so that people didn't have charge accounts at liquor stores, alcoholics, so on and so forth, run up big amounts and then not pay. With the era of the credit card, you have the typical situation, you have the typical situation where you go into the restaurant and somebody has a steak and a couple of drinks. It is put on your bill and you pay it with a credit card. Well, technically I guess that is illegal. So this clears it up so you can use a credit card. That is all it does.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell, do you want to talk on the amendment?

SENATOR NEWELL: I have no problem with this amendment personally, although, John, I would say this. I am sure you could agree if for some reason this gets controversial any time you would be willing to help me out.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I could care less. I am just putting it on to accommodate the industry for a practice that already occurs so that one guy doesn't say it is illegal or you go into a restaurant or someplace with a credit card and they say, when you get ready to pay, they say they can't take it and so on. I am just trying to clear up a situation. I doubt there is any controversy whatsoever to it, but if there is, pull it off, what the heck.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, do you want to talk on the amendment?