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CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, it's getting close to noon. I'll try to be real simple. I think Senator Hefner did a pretty good job of explaining everything that is in the bill. Let me give you a little bit of the origins of the legislation. Nebraska's laws for liquor were set up pretty much in total right after prohibition was eliminated. This is, I would say, maybe the first major change off of those or one of the biggest changes off of those. Why? Is it because I've got a better idea? Absolutely not. Senator Hannibal had the better idea last year. He couldn't pass the bill. Why couldn't he pass the bill? Because he didn't have a Supreme Court decision declaring the other laws unconstitutional. Since Senator Hannibal's proposal to do basically the same thing last year, you had a decision called the Finocchiaro decision. The Finocchiaro decision said the liquor laws were unconstitutional when they claimed to be in the public interest because they were anticompetitive, allowed price fixing, the whole works. So this is the first major chance to redo the liquor laws and that's what we're doing. The question was raised about the position of the Liquor Commission. It is my understanding, though I have not physically personally talked to them, I have received it from a very reliable source that they are supportive of this bill, do want the bill, do need the bill to be passed. The bill then does allow competition in the liquor industry, does allow the things just like Senator Hefner stated for, what do you call it, the giving out of this junk like...I mean gifts that...like they do in other places, napkins and stuff like that. It changes the laws just about like I said to comply with that Supreme Court decision and, of course, you've already had the committee amendments which are basically the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Some questions, if I may, of Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, on page 3 of the green bill, apparently the language is stricken that had to do with