

simply, which is what the bill is now, which you accepted here a couple of weeks ago, would simply do the same thing for other alcoholic beverages. Why did I offer the amendment? You may remember I told you Sunday racing is going to apparently begin at Ak-Sar-Ben. They want to have this option if the bill passes, and if they can then convince the local authorities to approve it. That was the purpose for the amendment. Additionally, it would allow other local communities the same option. I do not think it is unreasonable. I think there is a tendency on the part of legislators, particularly Christian legislators, to think Sunday is the only day that has respect among people or has to be held holy. I suppose if we were going to start picking and choosing which day should be the most holy the Moslems might have a Friday, the Jews might have a Saturday, the Christians might have a Sunday, my Buddhist wife might have a Monday. And so I think the offer here is more than reasonable because we are saying, on Sunday no liquor at all up until twelve o'clock, and if you are going to have anything after that it is strictly with local option. So I would respectfully ask you to reject the amendment. Do remember that no matter what our personal, moral feelings are about alcohol, about gambling, about 1,000 other things, smoking for example, there are limits to which we, as a body, should go to impose our particular religious moral standards upon the balance of society. We, by eliminating any right to sell any liquor on Sunday from zero o'clock to twelve o'clock, we have already pretty well gone a long way to accommodate one particular religion's holiest day, or Sabbath day. I urge you to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please. (Gavel.) Could we hold it down a little bit so we can hear the speaker, please. Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Lundy amendment. If you remember the other day when I presented the committee amendments, the committee amendments did contain this. It said that we would not give the local governing board the option to let the retailers serve hard liquor or alcoholic beverages at noon on Sunday. I don't feel that right now is the time to expand this or to lengthen the hours, especially on Sunday. The way it is now they can serve hard liquor beginning at six o'clock on Sunday. I think this is fair. We also allow them to, at the option of the local government, to serve