

beer and wine beginning at noon on Sunday. So I want to commend Senator Lundy for introducing this resolution...or this amendment to the body. I would urge your support for it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would also rise in support of Senator Lundy's amendment. As I understand Senator DeCamp's presentation, the purpose of this is principally to allow hard liquor to be served at Ak-Sar-Ben during its Sunday races. Now it would seem to me that, if that is the case, this could be limited to cities of the metropolitan class. We could at least narrow it considerably in scope so we are not, at the behest of Ak-Sar-Ben, imposing on the rest of the state a rule that lots of people might find offensive. Now I will concede to Senator DeCamp that Sunday is a special day only for people of certain religions, and not all religions. But really in our American society Sunday has come to mean more than that. It has come to mean a special day for nonreligious reasons as well. Frankly, I don't see a great deal of public benefit to be gained by allowing hard liquor to be served beginning at noon on Sundays. I would urge you to consider the change that Senator DeCamp is making from the point of view of what value...what affirmative value is to be served by that? How is it going to make our society operate better or function better by allowing hard liquor to be served at noon instead of six? Now as far as the Ak-Sar-Ben problem is concerned, they could just as easily serve wine and beer, as far as I'm concerned. Or, if we have to accommodate Ak-Sar-Ben on this issue, why we could limit the application of Senator DeCamp's proposal to Omaha so Omaha will have to live with it, and it won't be imposed upon Senator Lowell Johnson's district, and Senator Ray Lundy's district, and Senator Elroy Hefner's district, and everywhere else in the state, and on Grand Island. Maybe it should not be imposed upon Senator Nelson's district either. So I would urge you to adopt Senator Lundy's amendment. Again I see no public benefit to be served by something like this. Maybe we could consider another amendment if that fails. But I am optimistic that this body will see the wisdom of what Senator Lundy is trying to do. I certainly support it myself. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.