

SENATOR CONWAY: I don't believe this bill has anything to do with two guys with a couple of old maids in the back.

SENATOR DECAMP: They were playing Old Maid.

SENATOR CONWAY: Oh, okay.

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SENATOR CONWAY: The original bill, and if I could get back to that and try to kind of refresh myself, the original bill was to not have any open containers anywhere in the vehicle unless they were locked in the trunk of the vehicle. The committee amendments, if I remember right, amended that to say that they could be placed in a cooler or be in the vehicle in the compartment with the passengers as long as any open containers were out of the reach of the driver of the vehicle.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Well, I think that was not a bad concept and I think that would not have made a bad bill with the committee amendments. And I am just not completely sure in my own mind how Senator Sieck's amendment did or did not affect the committee amendments. Just looking at it here, I can't see that it may have changed them that much. At the same time, I would hate to advance the bill and think that we created a whole bunch more laws that were unenforceable and were going to make criminals out of everybody because we have a tendency to do that too much. We pass a law. We know it can't be enforced and won't be enforced and is counter to the activity of a significant percentage of the population but we make criminals out of them all. And since the penalties are pretty substantial here, I guess I would urge some caution and I wish we had about another ten minutes so I could figure this amendment out, but I see we are ready to vote on it. So if it does do what I think it may do, which is "criminalize" virtually everybody that goes to a football game or a good portion of them, then I would be in favor of either killing the bill or changing the amendment. If it doesn't, I think maybe it even improves existing law if it just does what Senator Conway was describing a while ago.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know