

how many of you still have this handout that Senator Sieck gave this morning. It is a reprint of statute 53-186. Now when we had this bill in committee, I wasn't aware of the present law. And if you read the law, it says, it shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the public streets, alleys, parking areas, roads or highways or inside vehicles while upon the streets. Now it is already against the law to drink in a car while you are on a public highway or a street. Senator Sieck says you have got to have the bottle open in order to make the law enforceable. Senator Sieck, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Could you tell me, have I read the handout correctly that I just read, that you gave out?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, I think you have. The present law says it is illegal to drink on the public highways.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, how would a person then, if the present law says it is...you cannot drink in a car on a highway, on a street, in an alley, how are you going to drink out of something that is unopened? I mean, is there any way a person can drink out of a closed can of beer...

SENATOR SIECK: No.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...or a closed bottle of whiskey?

SENATOR SIECK: If you have got a sealed container, there is no way you can drink out of it.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I am talking about the present law. The present law says you can't drink, period, in a car.

SENATOR SIECK: That is correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well then what is the purpose of saying...

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, the purpose...

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...that it has got to be in a sealed container?

SENATOR SIECK: Okay...