

they are within reach, then they should have a citation. So I will have to be opposed to it. If you pass it, I will just kill the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, doesn't this make the bill tighter by saying that whether the container is accessible or not? If it is open, that is the offense. This bill...this provision that Senator Vickers is trying to take out would allow you to have open containers in the vehicle. Senator Vickers' amendment will take that out and the law would then say that if a person has this open container in the vehicle, whether or not, that is the offense. It seems to me that would strengthen the bill and be what you are really trying to get at.

SENATOR SIECK: Well, I didn't interpret it that way. I interpreted it that it would...if you would have an open container in the car and it had to be accessible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, here is what it says...

SENATOR SIECK: (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "No person shall knowingly possess or transport any alcoholic liquors in any motor vehicle upon the public streets, and so forth, unless such liquor is in the original unopened package or container.", period. If you have it in your vehicle and it is not in the original unopened container, the crime has been committed. This provision in subsection (b) allows you to have an open container if it is out of your arm's reach.

SENATOR SIECK: My staff just told me that is the original bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So are you in favor of or against your original bill?

SENATOR SIECK: I was in favor of the original bill, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So are you in favor of Senator Vickers' amendment?

SENATOR SIECK: I will have to say that I will be in favor of it then.