

unopened containers of spirits, we will vote for the amendment. What could be better than to say that drinking will occur at either the beginning of a trip or at the end of it, but the trip itself will not be used to make possible the transporting of partially consumed containers of alcoholic beverages? This may make it a more worthwhile bill. I have to think about whether or not I would support it, but I knew for sure I would not support it in its unamended form. Let me think about this. Look, when I was down in Louisiana, they sell at service stations alcohol in the...for the car and alcohol for you to drink. You can fill up your tank and buy beer and in some of the service stations hard liquor too and that seemed to be a contradiction. So maybe if there is the concern that has been expressed by Senator Hoagland and others in this body about drunk driving, perhaps you need stringency at the level of prevention, not total prevention because a person can still put the alcohol inside him or her and then get in the vehicle. But maybe the thing that should be prohibited altogether is the carrying around of any container of liquor that is not in the original unopened condition.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Sieck, I have to ask you another question now. Senator Marsh has mentioned some political realities that you might consider with reference to this amendment and she mentioned correctly that this provision will tighten up the bill but it will put it back where you originally had it. You apparently were willing to risk bringing the bill in the form you introduced it. After listening to her comments, do you still favor the amendment or are you opposed to it?

SENATOR SIECK: No, I favor strengthening it. It doesn't quite say like the original. The original said you could put it in the trunk someplace clear away such as the original, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure, but I meant basically this would still indicate that in the compartment where you are driving or a passenger you cannot have open containers.

SENATOR SIECK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.