

CLERK: I have nothing further on 598, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, would you like to...?

SENATOR SIECK: I just move that we advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you. Any further discussion on the advancement of the bill? Senator Chambers. (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there is no way that I am going to support this bill. It is taking a half step toward what is viewed as a worthwhile goal. Everybody knows that if you have a chasm that must be crossed, you cannot cross a chasm in two steps. You either cross it or you don't. Either you are going to outlaw these types of open containers or you are not. One reason I opposed so many of those drunk driving bills, so-called, was because they were hypocritical and misleading to the public. They gave the impression that something was being done which, in fact, was not being done, could not be done and which is not after all of that being done as some of us had indicated. There are certain people who are given breaks. You know what I read about in the paper this morning, and I was furious because I know it doesn't happen to run of the mill people. A Douglas County official was arrested for drunk driving, taken to the jail house and given a sobriety test, car was towed and then he was taken home. Now suppose it had been some long-haired youngster in the same situation, with all this tough drunk driving legislation on the books, you would have the Mamas Against Drunk Driving and all the rest of them down there whooping and hollering and bringing down the ceiling saying, you can't let these young...and they would use a word like "punks" or whatever, endanger the public. But when it comes to somebody with a name like "Spellman", the law cannot be applied to them as it is to everybody else and we in this Legislature know it. Why should anybody be embarrassed at what I am saying? He is a public official. You had a Supreme Court Chief Justice who was a drunk; the President of the Parole Board, Greenholtz, who was a drunk, and they didn't like to talk about that. Either the law should apply to everybody or there should not be anything on the books that can be used selectively to punish certain selected individuals as the law is administered now. If you catch Mr. Spellman or some other public official in his or her car