

with a bottle of liquor on the front seat and the officer sees or has reason to be aware of it, say the person is stopped for some traffic violation, then the officer is going to conclude once he finds out this is Mr. Spellman, well, I thought the liquor was accessible but now that I know who you are, it wasn't accessible so you are not charged. That is the sham and the hoax of all of this hypocritical do-gooder legislation, but it sounds very good when you are giving campaign speeches. And, Senator Sieck, I know your intention was honorable because you wanted to prohibit these containers in the vehicle and you were prevailed upon by all of these other people who are against the drunk driving to weaken the bill so that you, in fact, can have open liquor containers in the vehicle. Then they are going to go trotting out of here talking about what they have done. It is a farce. It is a hoax. It is a sham and we all know it. These are the kind of laws that ought not be passed because they do thicken the statute books without accomplishing anything of note other than to create contempt for the law and contempt in the minds of those who have to enforce these nonsensical laws...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...contempt in their minds for those of us who enact these types of things. You want the open liquor containers in the car or you don't. You want them in the car, but you are going to put something on the books that makes the public think you are saying they shouldn't be in the car. I am against this bill and I will not vote to advance it. But I know it is going to pass and I know it is going to be advanced this afternoon because this Legislature is not renowned for dealing off the top of the deck in a straightforward fashion with the public. It passes those laws that are like the spider webs that catch the little bitty insects and lets the big ones fly through. And if you think I am not telling the truth about Spellman, just let me know and I will get you a copy of the article or you can call. In fact, a police officer is the one who notified the newspapers about it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought you were going to say, excuse me.