

SENATOR HIGGINS: This is...I hadn't seen it either when the bill was presented in committee, but the present law, 53-186, says, "Consumption of liquor on public property, public roads, streets, alleys, forbidden exceptions. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the public streets, alleys, parking, roads or highways or inside vehicles while upon the public streets, highways", etcetera.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh huh.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Now had I known that this bill was already in the law at the time, I don't think I would have voted to advance this original bill. I mean, excuse me, Senator Sieck's bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Do you think Senator Sieck's bill will improve the present statutes?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My judgment has already been stated and I say, no, but you have to look at the difference between what Senator Sieck is doing in the law as it exists now. The law now results...I mean deals with consuming. His law makes it illegal to have the container if it is open. So there is a drastic difference.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Uh huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But then there is an escape clause for the officer to allow those he doesn't want to arrest to get away, if it is accessible to the driver and the officer makes that determination.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, your light is still on. Did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am going to say again why I was supporting Senator Vickers' amendment and now that it is over there is a...I wasn't sure which way I would go on the bill, but at least it would have been an honest, straightforward legislative statement which is, unopened containers of