

Commission rulings or not, but they are very sensitive to this. And I know that many of you have been following this issue in the newspapers and the decisions that have been made. I would say that, by transferring these enforcement duties to the State Patrol, you are moving away from local control rather than toward local control and let me explain this to you. The commissioners in the liquor division, the inspectors if you will, do not go out and "enforce" or apprehend, except on rare occasions, violators for minor in possession, this type of thing. Instead, if there is a violation of some sort that they perceive, they turn that information over to the local county sheriff and county attorney who then proceed to enforce the violation, turning it back to the local agent or local control. The State Patrol people, when it comes to enforcement, are empowered right now to do most of the things...

SENATOR REMMERS: Excuse me a minute, Senator Morehead. Senator Morehead has an awful lot of competition out there on the floor. Can we just be a little courteous and give her a chance to be heard.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President. The State Patrol right now is empowered to do types of enforcement that I think most people think you are giving them the ability to do by making this transfer. What you are giving them, in fact, is a new type of duty which they, for the most part I do not feel, are trained for. They will have to be trained for these administrative type of regulatory jobs, which the personnel and the Liquor Control Commission have been assuming. Now these are things like audits, audits of books, audits of stocks for retailers and wholesalers. This is not the normal type of State Patrol activity that many of you think exists. I'm not sure that the State Patrol people understand that they are getting into a whole new area of bookwork and understanding of our liquor laws which are very complicated. If you want to talk to Senator Hefner about the complicated liquor laws, I'm sure that he or the committee counsel would be happy to tell you about those. So the State Patrol is taking on an administrative type of duty, more than they are acquiring a type of, if you will, enforcement which they already have the capability to do. This has been tried in the State of Colorado and in the State of Kentucky where they have cut back in the liquor control enforcement division. In their Liquor Control Commissions they have taken the enforcement division out and