

I passed around earlier or had passed around a yellow, orange sheet that indicates, and this is an excerpt from the minutes of the Fremont City Council, in a meeting held month before last in February and parts of that is underlined for you to look at if you care and to see how noncomplacent people are in asking for a liquor license from a city council. They come in and are not even able to answer questions relative to whether or not there might be four licenses in that block that they have chosen to ask for another one in or whether there is any and this doesn't seem to offer any answers to questions that they should be concerned about. How much traffic is going in and out of this particular location? Is it going to bother other people? Is it close to a school, a church and other things? Senator Landis brought out some very good points and I would suggest to you that zoning is very important in our way of life today. I, for one, do not care to have a service station located next to my residence. Zoning helps control the location of these kind of businesses in our state. I simply wanted you to see this particular item from Fremont so that you would know what kind of a...I don't know, to me rather cold type presentation before a governing body, the City of Fremont City Council. They voted unanimously that evening to disallow or to make a recommendation to disallow this particular location for a liquor license. And, by the way, I suspect that the Liquor Commission have heard of some of the problems that are going on over the state, at least they did agree with the Fremont City Council and did not issue that license. But I recall not too long ago that the community of Aurora had the opposite happen to them, completely voting against the license and notified the Liquor Commission to that effect and the Liquor Commission granted the license. Now, I don't know, I think we need local control. I think, in this amendment, you can have local control if you want it. So there are those communities that do not want that control and they are not bound to have it under this amendment. So, you can have it either way. If the city council wishes to control the number of liquor licenses, and that is one that should be dealt with lightly, if you want to control where they are going to be, certainly it can be handled by the city council and if they do not want to take on that responsibility, then they can leave it up to the Liquor Commission under this amendment. To me it makes sense for local control and at least to give them that right to locally answer to the constituents, as Senator Landis suggested. I certainly support these amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, and then Senator Haberman.