

trial by jury and I don't see how anybody, especially attorneys, can support this sort of thing. How can you hamstring somebody so badly that they can't, when they are forced to go to court, not even have a jury trial? So, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to vote no on the Hefner amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Three, four...now I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Really need some help on ceasing debate, if you want to cease debate. Otherwise, we'll continue on with the debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, it's been an interesting discussion. This amendment does give a little more local control, but it doesn't give all the control to local government. There is still an option. If the local governing board does not want to deal with it, they can let the application go to the State Liquor Control Commission. But I feel, I truly feel that a local governing board knows best. They know the circumstances a lot better in their area than a commission here in Lincoln knows, and I'd just like to read you a letter. I'd just like to read you a letter that I received from a small community in my area. It says, persons in the community are more aware of the needs of the community and the feelings of its citizens. Since communities can decide on the one-day licenses, they can decide whether they want liquor by the drink. They decide what hours operation they have and even whether they want to sell liquor in that community or not. They have that power now. Then the community should be capable of deciding how many licenses to issue and where these licenses should be located. I think this issue today is a decision that this body will make on how we want to sell liquor. Do we want to control the sale of liquor or don't we? Or do we want to sell it like we do milk or pop or orange juice or something like that? I think that's the decision we need to make and I don't think that we want to sell liquor like we do the milk and orange