

constantly, people from Lincoln going out to Ainsworth, Nebraska, out to Scottsbluff, et cetera, all around the state. This is not a simple issue. It's a very easy issue to say, hey, let's give it to them, they need it and everything else. It is not that simple. If you had an opportunity to sit through the arguments as the committee did, the committee did, the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee did, there was two similar bills of this. Both of them were killed in committee. Now, unfortunately there were some people kind of got caught in a hard spot because they think it's local control and the League of Municipalities want it. They want it on the surface, but I challenge most of you to go out and talk to council people privately and ask them if they really do want the final say and the final authority and ask what the true ramifications of that will be. And I'm quite sure you will find out that they'll say, well, gosh, for motherhood and apple pie, I have to say I'm for local control, but really deep down inside I don't want that final burden put on my shoulders. I think there should be a change in what we have now presently which 911 and the following amendment will do. In fact, the following amendment takes most things out of Senator Hefner's amendment except for the final local control and puts in 911. It will make a bill that is very worthwhile to both parties. I urge this body not to adopt Senator Hefner's amendment and go on and adopt the next upcoming amendments and get on and pass this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, on the Hefner amendment as amended.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support this amendment. I urge its adoption. I urge the advancement of the bill. Senator DeCamp indicates to me that we have perhaps some court cases ahead of us. Well, let them come. If we have to choose between court cases and a wide open liquor policy for this entire state, I'm ready to go to court and so are my constituents. The State of Nebraska has failed the people that I represent. They want a community of one kind. They have a city council ready to enforce that kind of community standard and we have a wide open liquor policy that is butting heads with the kind of people who live in north Lincoln and who don't want to have liquor in all convenience stores and supermarkets and on every corner between "O" Street and wherever it is that they live. I simply say to you that the policy that we have now has failed my constituents. I'm ready for a change. My city council supports local control and I'm prepared to hand it over to them when I compare their level of stewardship with