

our community values and the Liquor Control Commission's stewardship of our community values. I wouldn't want a state agency telling people in my district if they were going to live next to a rendering plant or not and right now I'm sick and tired of having a commission tell them where and when they will live next to a wide open liquor establishment or a policy and as far as I am concerned, the people who are most sensitive to my constituents prove to be my city council and I need to have them have the control to be able to respond to neighborhood needs because the state has failed to do so. I urge the adoption of the Hefner amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay, please. Voting on ceasing debate. Please vote if you care to. We need to get going on these type of things. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate does not cease. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Local control sounds great in many cases, but as I cited before the experience that I had in the small town. Now, Senator Landis and I have both served on the Urban Affairs Committee and we have listened to many problems from people from small communities where the local controlling body, some member on it had a special interest and a special reason for keeping somebody else out of a business and they did just that. And that's my biggest fear about local control. It's too easy to get to the local politicians and get them to vote the way they want. When you have a Liquor Control Commission they are far removed from them, yes, and that means less influence on them. I think that local control in this instance, comparing it to zoning laws and everything, is a little bit crazy. We're talking about the economy of Nebraska and what we're doing with this amendment is encouraging less competition because you can be sure that in those smaller communities and towns the good old boys will say, well, you know, so and so doesn't want another cocktail lounge, it's competition for him, or another bar or a restaurant that's able to serve beer with pizza and he's been pretty good to us. You