

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment was actually a bill that was introduced not only this year as LB 77 but was introduced last year or the year before, I can't remember which, and got lost in the last minute shuffle and never got through. It is a bill that the Game and Parks Commission asked me to bring on behalf of them which would basically allow them to control some of the ferocious partying I guess you could call it that sometimes goes on on our public lakes. And it's been particular a problem here in Lancaster County, but it's also been a problem out in Keith County around Lake Ogallala or Lake McConaughy in Ogallala. What the bill does is just allows the state to regulate or ask for regulation on these areas. And I might add that the Nebraska Sheriffs Association also came in and asked that this bill pass. The bill was heard by the committee, it did advance on a 5 to 0 vote and there were no opponents to the bill. The League of Municipalities came in, in a neutral position. The reason I'm asking for this tonight is because summer is almost upon us. It is a problem particularly during the summertime and the Game and Parks division would very much like to have it. The second subsection of this would actually give the commission, the Game and Parks Commission authority to apply for a liquor license and the commission would like that part of the bill; but it also the amendment speaks to the fact, I believe, that this provision would have to have the consent of the local governing body, whether it be the city council or whether it be the county board or whatever. So with that, I would simply ask for your indulgence and urge adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Any discussion of the Schimek amendment to LB 235? Seeing none, the question is shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schimek, I apologize. I forgot to ask you if you cared to close on your amendment.