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In this bill it would stop any salesman abusing his privilege of selling merchandise. He would have to sell it on its merits and keep away the bad features of it knowing that he could be reported by any grill or restaurant where he would sell and force him to observe himself.

I want to go on record as in favor of this bill.

Mr. Harmon Genlot:

In some places such as Yale Barn in Canaan, White Turkey in Milford, the Outport in Ridgefield and in Mr. Brennan's territory we have more. These fine Inns that are catering to New York people, they don't want to hire a bartender who can just pour a glass of beer. They want good bartenders, but the permittee in any case is liable for the actions of his employees.

These places have high-type men come there and they give the public the best service possible.

Sen. Giampietro:

Is there anyone else in favor or in opposition to this bill? I declare the hearing closed on H.B. 558.

✓ H.B. No. 561 (Mr. Dichter) AN ACT CONCERNING UNAUTHORIZED SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

Sen. Giampietro: Is there anyone in favor of this bill?

Mr. Gayner Brennan: This bill writes into the law the regulation of the Liquor Control Commission for the posting of prices. Similar laws are in existence in most of the open states in the country and have been in existence by regulation in Connecticut for a number of years.

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It does not take the element of free enterprise out of business as it allows each manufacturer, out-of-state shipper and wholesaler to fix his own prices on his commodities but it prevents him, as does the Fatmen Act in Federal Government, from discrimination as to prices among the various buyers.

A very good bill.

Sen. Giampietro: Is there anyone else in favor of this bill? Is there anyone in opposition to this bill? I declare the hearing closed on H.B. No. 561.

✓ H.B. No. 562 (Mr. Barnes) AN ACT CONCERNING REFUSAL OF LIQUOR PERMITS TO CERTAIN PERSONS.

Mr. David Levy: This bill attempts to repeal Section 636h of the General Statutes. We are concerned with Section 6 of this bill which proposes to place all backers on the same basis under the Liquor Control Act. As the Act stands today, there can only be two classes of backers, natural persons (partnerships, joint stock companies or associations of natural persons or corporations. A natural person in order to obtain a permit or be the backer on one, must be an elector.

This requirement is not applied to corporations under the Act by the fact that corporations are specifically eliminated from the definition of natural persons. Now what this amendment attempts to do is to place corporations in the same class with natural persons which, of course, is inconceivable since a corporation cannot possibly be an elector. By its nature a corporation is an entity and an entity could not become an elector even if it tried.