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to ensure that this is going to be an actual part of a religious ceremony conducted at a religious place of worship. Whatever a court determines a place of worship to be is for the court to do. But I want to make it clear that my concern is not to broaden the law and allow people to hide behind the notion that it's a religious activity, but that it has to be a part of a religious rite, ritual, or ceremony and those terms do have definite meaning within a religious concept. By using the term "place of religious worship" it could be a storefront, it could be somebody's home, but it has to be recognized as a place of religious worship. The consumption of the alcohol has to be within the context of a religious ceremony. So I'm asking that you adopt this amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. For debate on the Chambers amendment, Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I have a question of Senator Chambers, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Chambers, not to be splitting hairs too finely...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then don't do it. (laugh)

SENATOR TYSON: At least in...I think it's commonly understood that liquor is a distilled product. Wine is not. Wine is a fruit beer. And I guess my question to you is, is the word liquor appropriate here or should it be liquor or wine or just wine?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, I was going to say Senator Quandahl, I talked to Senator Quandahl, Senator Tyson, and in the statute the term alcoholic liquor includes wine, spirits and every other thing. So by using this term, it's not necessary to list out every type of alcoholic beverage that might be usable so that's why the term alcoholic liquor was offered here.