emergency clause. Striking the other language leaves the bill as it was originally, a one cent per gallon increase in alcohol tax. This one cent per gallon increase in alcohol tax, an actual lowering of tax on dinner wines, and an increase in the tax on fortified wines, plus the 25 cent per gallon tax on hard spirits will generate approximately $800,000 a year, and this will go into the general fund. It is not earmarked. I will introduce an appropriations...or an A bill will be introduced to appropriate that money for alcohol services, but this bill only sends those additional funds to the general fund. Representatives of the liquor industry, and other senators who are interested in this particular bill, have agreed to the $800,000 increase compared to the 1.3 or 1.4 million dollar increase as per the Committee amendments. So this is a compromise. I have discussed it with Senator DeCamp and other interested senators, and I think it will generate enough money to help us solve some of the very serious problems we have with decriminalization of intoxication, and with that I would ask you to adopt my amendments to... those two amendments to the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fitzgerald, do you wish to speak to the Cullan amendments?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Senator Cullan, would you answer a question for me? Why are we changing the tax structure from wine and giving the burden over to beer? Are there more alcoholics coming from beer? Or do we have more on wine? Could you answer me that question why we are changing the tax structure?

SENATOR CULLAN: The reason the tax structure is being changed is, I understand several years ago there was an amendment to an alcohol bill which inordinately increased the tax on wine and left the others alone. We are decreasing the tax on table wines, and on dinner wines, that type of thing...wines which are not fortified, those 14 percent alcoholic content or below, and that will be decreased from 85 cents to 55 cents per gallon. Fortified wines are being increased to a $1.10 a gallon. Currently, Senator Fitzgerald, in the State of Nebraska...has the highest tax on wines, the highest tax on wines. Some states have higher taxes if the wines are produced out of the state, but generally I think it's fair to say Nebraska has