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SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, you just can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, and that's exactly what we've been trying to do for six years with this particular concept, is to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. It's a bad idea. It's a bad concept. It's expensive. It's bureaucratic overkill, and we continue and continue to try to perpetuate this ill-conceived idea. Now the liquor industry and the can industry and the bottlers have to come up with some kind of a solution. After spending over \$350,000 last year to convince us that we had the right problem but the wrong solution, and a promise to come up with the right solution, and they trot out this horse that's been on this track five, six years in a row, and if that's the proper solution I'll put in with you. I think if members of this body think that the people in the state of Nebraska when they turned down the bottle bill last November were telling us to come down and pass another tax to come down and tax them again, and tax them some more, I think if that's the way you're reading that vote, you're reading it very wrong. That's not what the people of Nebraska are demanding. They're not demanding more taxes and more expenditures, but that's what we're going to give them. That's the legislative answer to the right problem and this is supposedly allegedly the right solution. This is absolutely, absolutely the wrong direction. It's absolutely the wrong way to go. It's expensive. The A bill that we see in our books right now, the only thing tangible we have to vote on right now, the only thing in black and white that we can now cast a vote on or make a decision on says, \$413,000 of expenditures the first year against \$288,000 revenue. That's all you have to vote on. Now Senator DeCamp says that he pulled some magic plan out of the air that he's been unable to pull out of the air for the past six years that's going to be the Utopia that's going to be the solution to all the problems. Well, I for one, although I am not from Missouri, I want to see it. Show me before I vote. Show me before I cast one vote to keep this dog alive. This bill deserves nothing, nothing but red votes. The people of Nebraska on this issue deserve nothing but a sound resounding no to more taxes, to higher taxes, and the only way we can do that is to vote this bill down. We have got to vote to indefinitely postpone the A bill and then when 120 comes up, we can use the same pattern that we have established right here. So I urge you to give us a green vote on this particular bill which is a vote to kill, and then when 120 comes up, then a red vote which is a vote to fail to keep it from advancing. I agree with Senator Cullan, we have a