

other day. There was a motion to rerefer it to the Reference Committee for proper reference and referral, and when the bill originally came in the Judiciary Committee, certainly that language was germane to that committee because it was dealing with decriminalizing or criminalizing intoxication. Now the bill is strictly a bill that discusses revenue which primarily would be derived from alcoholic beverages and I am proud of Senator Nichol and his fairness now to finally see the light and want to refer it for proper hearing. However, I would disagree with the fact it would go back to Judiciary and I move if we are going to do this properly it should go to the Revenue Committee, and then if you want to take it one step further, since that money is going to be used to provide education for those who abuse themselves with excessive alcoholic beverage, then it might well go to the Education Committee because there is an issue involved here with education. But seriously, I would, if it is appropriate, is there an amendment up there by Senator Nichol to that effect that it be referred directly to the Judiciary Committee?

CLERK: Senator Nichol's motion is to refer it to the Judiciary. I do have an amendment pending to the motion to refer it to Revenue.

SENATOR KOCH: To refer it directly to rather than going back to the Reference Committee?

CLERK: Right.

SENATOR KOCH: I will draft an amendment to Senator Nichol's amendment then. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I have to support Senator Koch. I was the one that originally asked that the bill be rereferred to the Reference Committee for them to decide, since it is no longer germane to the original bill, and that as it is now written it is strictly a tax measure which my first guess would have been that it should go to the Revenue Committee. But then Senator Koch pointed out the money is supposedly going to be used to educate people about alcoholism so here is Senator Higgins saying it should go to Revenue and Senator Koch said it should go to Education and I think in all fairness to the introducer of the bill and everyone concerned that the Reference Committee should decide where it should go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker,