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The first part of the committee amendment allows the commission to adjust liquor wholesale excise tax liability bonds according to the estimated tax liability no matter how large the anount is. At the present time it goes up to \$300,000. The second part of the amendment is that it requires that alcoholic beverages not be visible to the public and be made inaccessible to the public by removing them from that portion of the premises open to the public or securing them in locked storage or display containers for Class B, D, and E licenses which are open during the days and hours when alcoholic liquors cannot be sold and then the rest of the amendment just contains some technical changes. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: We have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fenger would move to amend the committee amendment and Senator Fenger's amendment is found on page 1173 of the Journal.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, fellow members, the portion of the committee amendment requested to be changed was inserted at Senator Duda's and my request. It now appears that the wording used is possibly a case of overkill. As amended this will still say that any retail store open during hours that alcoholic beverages cannot be sold will have those products not visible to the public. The change simply erases more stringent restrictions and it allows some latitude to the State Liquor Commission as to how this law would be implemented. I would urge adoption of this amendment to the committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala. Senator Hefner, did you want to talk on the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR HEFNER: Just a question of Senator Fenger.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fenger, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Fenger, if I understand your amendment right, correctly, this would mean all liquor holders like in restaurants and lounges? Is this correct?

SENATOR FENGER: That is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.