

these tax increases would be put into place and then there would not be any change to these tax increases until October 1, 1989, at which time subsequent Legislatures can look at the liquor tax issues. And with that I would offer the committee amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: There is an amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President...

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Higgins. Excuse me.

CLERK: Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, this is a...my aide just brought me this amendment. It is a technical to make certain that the operative date of the act is October 1, 1985, which incidentally is totally consistent with the tax rate increases in the act.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Senator Johnson, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: On beer you said you were going to raise the tax from 14 cents what, a gallon, a barrel or...?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: A gallon.

SENATOR HIGGINS: A gallon, to 20 cents and then to 23 cents?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I don't know about the agreement that the Revenue Department made with the lobbyists for these industries, but I know that the people across the state that make their living running, whether it's a neighborhood bar or a cocktail lounge, probably