

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, basically the amendment just increases the \$3.00 to \$3.15 with regard to the distilled spirits portion of the agreement. Again, it is based on the assumption that inflation is more likely to be around the 3 percent level than around the 2 percent level which is assumed apparently by the agreement. The...I don't know that there is much more to be said about the particular amendment. I guess my impression would be that if you adopt the philosophy originally that apparently is the philosophy of this Legislature, then you should be reasonable with regard to how you operate under that philosophy. I am wise enough to know that my particular attitude about the basic philosophy is not going to carry so it doesn't behoove me to discuss that and to raise that issue at this point in time, at least until there is some...until there is some more widespread agreement. So operating under the philosophy that apparently this Legislature wants to adopt, then it seems to me that if you are looking at what is a good deal from the point of view of the consumer and from the point of view of keeping up with inflation, then with regard to distilled spirits, this is not a particularly good deal for the Legislature or for the public and for that reason I would recommend the increase from \$3.00 to \$3.15.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, you have heard the closing argument on the Beutler amendment. All those...the question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 19 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Anything else on it?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We are back to the bill. Now I have some lights on from before. Senator Pirsch, did you wish to speak about the bill? All right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am encouraged by your vote on Senator Beutler and I don't know if I should be. That might be a false signal. I was going to be very hard on him because I told you about Senator Kahle and my