

back then to LB 279, which was first on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to return LB 279 to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, LB 279 is a bill that I support but, and I apologize to Senator Scofield because I really hadn't had the opportunity or taken the time, I guess, that is my fault, to sit down and really read through it real closely until this morning. The bill creates a mechanism for farm wineries and the limitation on farm wineries is up to 50,000 gallons of wine produced per year. It grants a tax break, quite a tax break for a farm winery as far as the state taxes are concerned, the liquor taxes, but the description of a farm winery, I believe, is too broad in that it would possibly allow several individuals to jointly go together and produce wine under the same label in order to circumvent the 50,000 gallon limitation. Now I am sure we are quite a ways from that happening. I am sure there are probably not that many people that are going to be going into this business, but it just seems to me that the intent was to limit it to individual farms producing a product. So the amendment that I am offering, and I don't have copies of it available, but I will tell you, it is on page 11. If you will turn to the Final Reading copy of LB 279, on page 11, line 15 where it is describing the definition section of a farm winery. It says "Farm winery shall mean any farm which produces and sells wines produced from grapes, other fruit..." and so forth. The amendment that I am offering would be on line 15 after the word "sells", it would say "Farm winery shall mean any farm which produces and sells" and then I would insert ", under a label unique to that farm, wines produced from grapes..." and so forth. In other words, each farm winery would have to have its own label to qualify or an individual label to qualify for the 60 cent a gallon reduction in the taxes which I believe was probably the intention. It just seemed to me that we were opening it pretty broad if we would allow a number of these businesses to produce all under the same label in order to get that 60 cent a gallon tax reduction. That is the amendment and I would urge the adoption of it.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on Senator Vickers' motion