

to return the bill for a specific amendment? Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I have not had...Mr. President and members, I have not had a great opportunity to look at this amendment. While I don't have great objections to the substance of the amendment, I would like to point out that this is the first time this has been brought to me. It was suggested to me this morning and I just did look at it. This is the first time this concern has been raised and this bill has probably been as thoroughly researched as any bill we have. It is modeled after legislation by 25 other states. It was not pointed out at the hearing, members who represent the wine industry here have looked at it and that has not been pointed out. So I don't think it is really a significant amendment. I guess I won't wring anybody's neck if you vote for it but at this point I am rather skeptical even about the need for it and I am going to vote against it, obviously, but if these things do become a problem, I have no objections to taxing these kinds of products. I have no objections, and Senator Carsten, who has worked diligently on this bill, has also stated, we thoroughly intend to tax these products. Our objective right now is to get this type of small industry started in the state and tax them like crazy once they start being successful. So I am not sure, as I said, I am not sure this is a major amendment and I guess I would urge you to go ahead and pass the bill today but listen to the arguments and make your own decision. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Vickers yield to a question? Senator Vickers, I dropped my bill file this morning, and while you were talking, I was trying to find the bill and the part you are referring to. Is this just a technical amendment that...I know Senator Scofield said the people that represent the wine industry approved of it but the same people that represent the wine industry represented the realtors for me yesterday and we all know how noble Mr. Radcliffe was right up until the moment of the vote. So that is why I want to know, if this is just a technical amendment, I am going to vote for the bill. Is there anything actually wrong in the bill?

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Higgins, the definition I think is