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SPEAKER NICHOL: No, I was going to...students in the south balcony, please don't lean over, you might hit a good senator post, so please don't lean over the rail. Thank you. Your time was up though, good Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't have a single second left when you said that?

SPEAKER NICHOL: No, in fact, you are past more than several single seconds. Thank you. Senator Higgins, your light came on.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Before we vote on this, I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Chambers, as the bill now stands with all the various amendments...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh huh.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...I trust your ability to interpret these things as fast as they move better than anyone. Would you now tell me exactly how it stands with the amendments because I voted this bill out of committee with committee amendments in good conscience, with the understanding you could transport alcohol in sealed containers. I don't see any harm in somebody going, buying a six-pack, taking it home. Tell me how it stands now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can continue to transport the beverages in sealed containers, meaning that the can is not open, the cap is not, you know, the seal on the cap is not broken, and so forth, but also you can transport it now in unsealed open containers if such container is not accessible to the driver and the key word is "accessible". Nobody can say precisely what that means but the fact is you can now transport open containers in the vehicle, which the law, as Senator Sieck originally wanted it, would have prohibited.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Chambers, did you see the original handout that Senator Sieck had showing the present law?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I didn't see that.