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LB 260

Public Health and Welfare Committee. Title read. The bill was read on January 15. It was referred to the Public Health Committee. The bill was advanced to General File with committee amendments. The body considered the bill on March 30th of this year. At that time, Senator Cullan had three amendments to the committee amendments. All three of those amendments were adopted. We now have pending, Mr. President, the amended committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments have not yet been adopted?

CLERK: No, sir.

SENATOR CULLAN: I move for adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is, do you wish to speak to the amendments?

SENATOR CULLAN: Just very briefly I would say what the committee amendments do. They change the tax on wine from or the tax on alcohol an increase of 1¢ a gallon on beer. They make a differential with respect to wine. The current tax is 85¢ per gallon of wine. They make a split on the basis of alcoholic content decreasing the tax on wine below an alcoholic content of 14% to 55¢ a gallon, increasing the tax on wine to \$1.05 for alcoholic content above 14%, I believe, and increasing the tax on hard liquor by a quarter. That is the effect of the amendments. The only other amendment adopted was one that would allow funds to be used on Indian reservations without a match, and those I believe are the current forms of the amendments and so I would move that they be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, upon further observation, we find that the committee amendments have been adopted. So the only motion we need to speak to, at least at the moment, is the advancement of the bill which you have done.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, I just outlined what is in the bill now then. The only other thing I would say is that I think this legislation is particularly necessary because of the decriminalization of intoxication. I distributed to you yesterday some information with respect to alcohol services and in particular some information with respect to the location of detoxification centers in the State of Nebraska.