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either on General File or Select File, Senator Janssen amended the bill, and changed it from the Internet so that it applies to all alcohol that's shipped into this state. So now it would read, in the bill that we're voting on, or the version we're voting on, would read: "The commission may issue a shipping license to any person who sells and ships alcoholic liquor from another state directly to a consumer in this state. A person who receives a license pursuant to this section shall pay the fee required in subdivision (12)". So the original version of the bill, and what I assume the public hearing was held on, was Internet shipments, and now it's any shipments of wine, or alcohol I guess, to residents of Nebraska. Well, then we look at Senator...Senator Brown's amendment, and she just is requiring a notice on there. And I don't, you know, I have no problem with notices, I have no problem with protecting the youth in Nebraska from receiving wine through the mail, and I think that's something that we absolutely should do. And I'm going to ask Senator Janssen a question in a minute, but my concern is, is that all these letters and phone calls and e-mails that I've received seem to indicate that these people who get wine from a different state, whether it be a local winery in California or some other state, as you know we have kind of an emerging wine industry here in Nebraska, and my understanding is these wineries are so small that they don't actually go through liquor wholesalers in a particular community, so they have to do direct mail. And would Senator Janssen yield to a question, just so maybe we can clarify this issue a little bit?

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Janssen, would you respond?

**SENATOR JANSSEN:** Sure.

**SENATOR BOURNE:** Thank you. All the letters and the e-mails that I've received on this, and the phone calls, all of them seem to indicate that somehow LB 671, as amended, is going to preclude or stop adults from ordering a, you know, three bottles, six bottles of wine from a...or maybe beer of the month club or something of that nature from a winery outside of Nebraska, and their concern is, is that these small wineries that maybe bottle, you know, 1,000 bottles of wine a year,