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make them easier to understand for "Joe or Suzy Operator" of car wash, cleaning systems, and with Senator Brashear's wishes, construction and anything else on that slippery slope to taxing services. But, nonetheless, Mr. Clerk, I would request to withdraw AM1770. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item to LB 759.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA...I am sorry, Senator Chambers has FA1356 and would like to offer as a substitute to that AM1892. (Legislative Journal page 1818.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered with no objections. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this amendment would add two additional pennies to a gallon of beer. Under the version of Senator Landis' bill now, that amount is 29 cents. This 2 cents would raise that level to 31 cents. I'm doing it on Senator Brashear's bill because, as has been pointed out before, it's...we're operating on two tracks. This additional 2 cents would bring in an additional \$1 million. I had a heavy amendment that I withdrew in lieu of this one. That other one would have raised the tax on wine, spirits, every category of alcoholic beverage that is taxed. In the early part of the game, whether it's chess, checkers, football, there might be a bit of fluidity in the strategy, in the tactics, to feel out the enemy and test the strength of your own position. The middle game is where things begin to solidify and you try to set yourself up so when the end game comes you can prevail. Another way to say it is 2 cents in the till is worth 30 cents in the bush. That's a mixed metaphor. The 2 cents will fly. It will get an additional \$1 million. So I'm asking that you adopt this amendment. There is not anything else I need to say because it's clear what the amendment is. It's clear what the amendment does. So at that point, Mr. President, I am finished for this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard