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SENATOR JANSSEN: I relinquish my time to you. You can do with it what you want.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, you're so generous. Thank you, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, I know.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Cornett, is Senator Janssen on the right track in speculating that adding the distilled alcohol makes it possible to detect these other flavorings to a greater extent than if all of the alcohol in the beer were from the brewing process? Is that why the distilled alcohol is to be added?

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes. Does...basic grain alcohol has very little taste, so it's easier to add the flavorings to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're talking about the flavoring, but also the desire not to have it taxed as spirits are taxed, but at the lower rate that beers are taxed.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes. What it...what it is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CORNETT: ...for is drinks that people...how to describe this. A beer has a certain taste and an aftertaste, which tends to be more bitter. These are usually a sweeter drink but they have a little bit of the effervescence that beer does. Why they want...would...they want them taxed at the lower rate because they contain the higher percentage of brewed alcohol than distilled.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But the appeal of this is to people who may not like the taste of beer,...

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes.