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the beer by...from 11 cents to 13 cents. Sets up a change in the taxing system so far as wine is concerned, so that we consider the alcoholic content of the wine. Dinner wines, or nonfortified wines would be taxed at 55 cents per gallon, and fortified wines...that above 14 percent alcoholic content, at a \$1.10 a gallon. The alcoholic spirits would be left at \$2.50. I will have Committee amendments to these, and I suppose now would be the time to take up the Committee amendments...or my amendments to the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak after we...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Sam's got his amendments to the Committee amendments up there?

SENATOR CULLAN: I haven't explained them yet. Are they up there?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay.

SENATOR CULLAN: Are they on now? Okay...

SENATOR DeCAMP: Why don't you go with his amendments to the Committee amendments, because the understanding and agreement involves both of them.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Alright.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Clerk, could you read the Committee amendments, or my amendments?

CLERK: Your amendments...your first one, Senator. (Read Cullan amendment as found on Page 1202 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, what that amendment does...what that amendment does is restore the portion of the bill... restore the tax portion of the bill so that it is a one cent per gallon increase on beer, and that is the only change that that makes. Striking Section 20 is the emergency clause. The reason we are striking the emergency clause is so that a number of alcohol related bills, some of which have already been passed, I believe, by the Legislature, with respect to bottling, etc., go into effect on the same date. So that's the purpose of striking the