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the highest tax on wine, yet we have lower taxes on other alcohols. So I think that this more fairly treats the wine industry as far as alcoholic content is concerned.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: One more question. You know, when an individual goes and drinks wine quite a bit you know what his nickname is?

SENATOR CULLAN: O'Hara?

SENATOR FITZGERALD: No, I would not say O'Hara. I would say a wino. Now a man that drinks beer all the time, would you call him a beero?

SENATOR CULLAN: Now that's an Irishman, Senator Fitzgerald.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question before the House is the adoption of the two Cullan amendments to the...are they separate amendments? Okay. First we'll vote on amendment number, or Cullan amendment number one to the Committee amendments. Let's see. Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of my good Irish friend, Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan, in indicating that none of these regional funds shall be used for treatment of alcoholism among our native Americans, we have been, and presently have in the statute, another section of the law that specifically prescribes that at least Thurston County and I believe Knox, we are dedicating funds to them specifically saying that a portion of it shall be used for treatment of alcoholism on the reservation, for the reservation Indians. Are we going to have to amend that law in order to make it dovetail with what you are saying now in your amendment? Can I hear my friend?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Murphy, with this particular amendments, the ones that are before us right now, the Indian reservations of the counties, the tribal governments, and everything, would be treated as any other political subdivision. They would have to produce the same matching funds that any other political subdivision would have to produce, and so these amendments before us do not affect that. I do have an amendment that would allow matching...would allow alcohol funds to be used on the reservation without matching funds, and that, I think, is what you're concerned about, but this particular vote will not affect that.

SENATOR MURPHY: I think I understood what you said. Thank you.

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