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Then the Legislature has offered a bill for Falstaff, what will you do then? Will you go ahead and pass it? Or will you ask to withdraw it?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have 30 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't you at least wait a while and see what your messengers bring back before you take official action as a legislative body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol and then Senator DeCamp. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support the introduction of the bill for the same reasons as set out by Senator Chambers. We have not had any request from Falstaff as far as I know for any legislation. In fact, I understand the opposite is true. I understand and I can't prove it but except by way of scuttlebut or conversation that they don't want legislation. The reason why...here again, we don't know why. It is obvious that Falstaff wants to close the brewery at Omaha. If they want to close it, why would they not want to blame the Legislature, the state government, for the reason that it is so difficult for them to operate. They blame state government for quitting. What would be the result if they quit and used that as a reason? As I understand it again, the reason is it has tax benefits if they are put out of business because of government. Had they really wanted to stay, they would have been here quite some time ago asking for legislation. They have deliberately not asked for legislation. Do any of you know or have any of you been approached by any member of any body of any consequence in Falstaff that they want some legislation? I certainly haven't and I would guess that none of you have either. If you have, I would like to have you stand up and say so when your turn comes. I support the legislation of this for the very reason that I want to see Falstaff face the music, whatever it is, under the laws that we have now without jostling them around, and if we pass some kind of legislation, they can't use us as the reason for quitting business.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to vote to introduce the bill, and do it in the context of providing a little information that Senator Nichol has touched upon. I have not talked