

was put on the ballot pursuant to an initiative petition, and it was rejected by the voters in their wisdom in that election about two and a half years ago. Now three months prior to the vote in November of '78 why the public opinion poll showed the bottle bill leading about two to one, then the industry spent over \$200,000, and Senator Dworak can tell you about that because he was involved in that, in television advertising and other kinds of advertising to defeat it, and they were successful and it was defeated by a fairly significant margin. Now you will all remember that during that advertising campaign the industry used the slogan "Right Problem, Wrong Solution". And what we are seeing with this bill here now is the right solution. This is the proposal that the industry came in with after the November election, and they came with a so-called right solution and that is this bill that we have here now that we are amending. Now it was passed two years ago and it was passed amid a lot of howls and barks because there were few people that really felt that it would do any good. I am sure those of you that were here then remember that. But because the large can manufacturers and the large grocery chains wanted it in order to head off another attempt at the bottle bill, why it did pass. Now let me ask you this question. Who do you think this bill really serves? I think if you read the bill and read the underlying legislation carefully, why you can see that it doesn't really serve the public or the people of this state. It was written by the large can manufacturers and the grocery chain retailers, and it is really intended to serve those people who want to be absolutely sure we don't have a bottle bill in this state ever. And my feeling is that we ought to pass this exemption so that we will avoid inflicting the bad provisions of this whole act on other kinds of people, particularly on the small mom and pop grocery stores and drug stores around the state. Now, let me explain what this bill does, and I really hope you will listen to this because I think if you haven't read the bill carefully, you are not going to really understand its provisions. Now, it imposes a new kind of governmental regulation and it imposes a new kind of tax, and it imposes that governmental regulation and that new tax on a whole category of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. Now, let me read to you the definition of retailers that are covered by this bill, and it is found on page 12 in Section 18. "Any retailer who grosses \$100,000 or less a year", and as I indicated earlier that means 1.5 fulltime employees or fewer, "who sells any products falling in the following categories