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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly don't want to take too much time on this but I do want you to know that I have possibly a complete file and I am not saying it is entirely complete, but I did receive it from the Falstaff Brewery in California and I would like to share some of the correspondence with you because I believe it will give us a better understanding of what has happened to Falstaff Brewery in Omaha. It was on March 7, 1980, that a citation was charged against Falstaff or setting forth the charges against Falstaff. On March 12 they pleaded not guilty to the charges. April 14, 1980, the Attorney General amended the citation and on April 17 Falstaff again pleaded not guilty. That went on until August and I think what is upsetting the Falstaff Brewery in San Francisco the most is the time here. It took from March 17, 1980, until March 28, 1981, before a decision was rendered and in the meantime...(interruption.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Can I disturb you a minute?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Sure.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What bill are you reading from? What piece of legislation?

SENATOR LABEDZ: 483.

SPEAKER MARVEL: 483? There is an amendment to 483. Go ahead.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Is there a problem? Is it alright to go ahead? The very first telegram that Mr. Kalmanovitz sent was addressed to Attorney General Paul L. Douglas and I think it will understand his feelings on what was happening. He said, "Dear Honorable Douglas: We have not violated any law or regulation of the State of Nebraska. We have made all products available to everyone. We will vigorously challenge the accusations of Quantity Discounts. Number one, where and when did we sell for two prices? Number two, where and when did we refuse to sell to anyone? We operate throughout the United States under my stewardship and we do not violate any law or regulation. We never have and we never will. I have been associated with this industry since shortly after the repeal of prohibition. I am familiar with the laws, regulations that govern our industry. Our policy has been and continues to be that no matter if you are president, chairman of the board or a salesman in the field, your employment will cease with our company if you violate any laws or regulation. I personally enforce this policy." Now I do have two files here and I am not going to take time to read the barrage of telegrams and letters and very little response that this man