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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hefner moves to amend the Nichol motion by striking Judiciary Committee and inserting Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, the reason that I have amended the Nichol motion is because I feel this bill should go back to the Revenue Committee. What is in this bill now? What is in this bill now is strictly increasing the taxes on alcoholic beverages and I don't know why we would have to send it back to the Reference Committee. I think it is very clear that the Revenue Committee should have a hearing on this bill and I realize that as the session goes on time is getting more precious. I doubt whether this bill would come before the body again this session but the Revenue Committee could go ahead and have a hearing on this bill, get input from the pros and cons, let the industry defend its position and also let the introducer tell us exactly what he has in mind and, therefore, I would urge you to support this amendment to the Nichol motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that if you don't want to take it to Judiciary Committee, perhaps it should go to the Reference Committee and that would be all right with me. I don't know that it is up to this body to say which committee it should go to, is it? Should it go to the Reference Committee?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, your motion would be in order.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, then I would urge you not to support the Hefner amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, if we are going to rerefer a bill, that properly should be the domain of the Reference Committee, so I suggest that if it is going to be referred anywhere, as Senator Higgins suggested, it should go to the Reference Committee for proper disposal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see