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why there was no real pressure on us to take action so...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I would certainly support the amendment and support the bill and hope that it becomes law and that it does help to resolve a very crucial problem that does exist there in the City of Omaha.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, not having had the chance to review the amendment thoroughly, but knowing that it deals with the Falstaff situation, I would like to ask Senator Labedz a question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Labedz, does this amendment contain anywhere within it an apology to Mr. Kalmanovitz for what has been done to him by the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Absolutely not. I think that the signatures that he has been receiving, and he tells me now it is close to fifteen thousand, more than apologizes to Paul Kalmanovitz.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I have thought about the matter and I think there should be an apology offered to him by the Legislature. I think there should be an apology about how the Governor conducted himself which I was not totally aware of until I read Mr. Kalmanovitz's letter in the World Herald and when a man with as many millions as this man has got, has been handled in this fashion, I think that is deplorable, especially in a Legislature in a conservative state like Nebraska where business is so important and where the people in business are entitled to such protection and consideration. There is no way I can vote for this amendment without an apology. Why look at all the money that man has spent just on the letters alone. Then he brought the senators out there and may have given them some of his private label beer, I don't know what he did, but he has certainly brought Omaha into the attention of a lot of people and for having done that, I think he is entitled not only a vote of thanks and appreciation as the amendment drafted now will do, but he is, in fact, entitled to an apology and as an addendum to that apology there ought to be a chastisement of the Governor for not running right over to the Liquor Commission and telling them they had better rule in this man's behalf. I think also we should let the courts know that they may