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SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I just want to commend Senator Newell on that good explanation. You answered my question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I also have a question of Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: On lines 17, 18 and 19 "allow the distribution of tax paid samples of alcoholic liquors except beer". Well, as you know, as our local and only brewery in the State of Nebraska there is an opportunity for you or anyone, retailers, and so on, to go to the lodge at our local brewery and sample the beer and has been for many, many years a delight to many of the people in the organizations in Omaha. I am worried that this might put a stop to it because he has on there "except beer". Would that any way disallow the local brewery in Omaha to give the opportunity for groups and organizations and anyone, including the retailers, to come up to the lodge and obtain a free sample of their beer?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Senator Labeledz, it wasn't intended to do that. And I think the way that...and I really ought to get a clarification of this. This is a better question than frankly I thought you were going to ask. I thought you were going to ask why....I think that that is considered a retail premises, the lodge is. And so it would have a special license which would make it not, and it is not a wholesale establishment anyway. It is a....

SENATOR LABEDZ: We don't sell beer there, Senator Newell. We give free samples.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, so that basically your question is asking....Senator Beyer said that question was asked and that concern was at the hearing and that concern was addressed. I just don't remember, it was last year and I don't remember how it was addressed. I think that is not a distribution center. That is not a wholesaler.

SENATOR LABEDZ: We have a distribution license. We are a wholesaler.

SENATOR NEWELL: Like I said, Senator Labeledz...

SENATOR LABEDZ: We sell....

SENATOR NEWELL:since you asked that question, Senator Hefner, can you help? Otherwise, I will have to call...make