

good. I don't know, but I guess in my mind it is not.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the Warner amendment. We discussed this issue very completely as it was brought out to you a number of years now, as members of the General Affairs Committee, and as Senator Rod Johnson brought out very clearly, this would be an additional kind of expansion away from the restrictions and the regulation of the three-tier system. Wine, as Senator Warner, himself, said comes in many varieties and in abundant quantity, and I don't think I have ever found a place where it is not easy to get a lot of different kinds of wine. In fact, I will just tell you that that is what I drink when I drink anything is wine. And I don't know about hard liquor except what I have been told, and I don't think there are nearly as many brands as there are in wine. I am with Senator Johnson, am going to be opposed to this amendment because I do not want to see it expanded any further than it is, and I would ask you not to support the Warner amendment either. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Warner, I know a lot more about beer than I do about wine, and so I will...I thought it might be. The issue of the Warner amendment is a legitimate issue. We discussed that in committee, whether or not there should be wine, and then do you follow that thought process right down to beer. I guess at this point I would have to oppose the Warner amendment, but not on principle. It is just as legitimate an argument as the issue with regard to spirits. I would look at that issue at another time, and I probably would run into as much support at that point as I am today, but the issue of, are you going to destroy the three-tier system, it is not a valid argument. With regard to it, when you have the \$300 amendment that Senator Smith just adopted to the bill, that is a dollar limitation for an entire year. That is an annual limitation. That is not per purchase, that is not per month, but that is over a 12-month annual basis. A case of spirits can cost anywhere from 100 to 300 dollars and more, depending on what the brand might be. It is not something that is going to destroy, by this amendment that I offer, the