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that. I don't apologize for the fact that I offered them, that we spent some time discussing legislation. That's what we're here to do. But with that, I'm going to vote at this time not to advance the bill and hope that we can work out some of these issues between now and Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, to be very brief, I'm going to look at whatever Senator Hall and Senator Ashford may be able to come up with. I'm uncomfortable talking on this bill because on liquor issues I'm opposed to liquor, I really am. And to try to bring equity between two of those forces that are maybe fighting each other on it, it's difficult for me because if I say like somebody said, a plague on both their houses, but there is an issue here of how we're going to legislate and the kinds of principles we're going to put in place through the laws. When we talk about restricting certain types of activity, giving an apparent advantage to some over others, then there are some points that I have to try to make. But if you want to wipe out the wholesaler, wipe out the manufacturer, wipe it all out, I don't really care about that. So that is not what I am that concerned about. If there is some way that the manufacturer could beat all of these wholesalers and then others catch the message and maybe they won't deal with them, fine, so that is not what has motivated me today. I'm not concerned for the retailer, I'm not concerned for the wholesaler, I'm not concerned for the manufacturer. I'm concerned about the process by which we are legislating and I also will not vote to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'd just ask that the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I just want to tell Senator Chambers that a plague from both your houses comes from Romeo and Juliet in which the prince tells the Capulets and the Montagues, who were warring, to stop fighting, and that in this case the wholesalers and the retailers has neither produced Romeo nor Juliet in LB 371.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, I