

September 30, 1992 LB 11

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the Ashford amendment. We'll now vote on that amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Ashford's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend. (Haberman amendment appears on page 143 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, we've been fighting, and fussing, and voting, and yelling, and screaming, hollering over 100...over \$1.5 million, which is a lot of money. We want to take this money away from the cities. So I have a proposal to offer this body that makes up the \$1.5 million, we do not have to penalize the cities. It's a fair fee. What it does, it raises the fee on beer per gallon from 23 cents to 25 1/2 cents, only 2 1/2 cents a gallon, 2 1/2 cents a gallon on beer, 30 cents a gallon on alcohol, 14 cents a gallon on wine; 8 cents a gallon on light wine. Now I ask you, how many people who inhibit cannot afford to spend 2 1/2 cents per gallon for beer? Now if we adopt this it raises \$1.5 million, right on the money exactly. So I'll ask this body, are you going to penalize every city through the MIRE program, or are you going to raise this spirits fee 2 1/2 cents a gallon for beer, 30 cents a gallon for alcohol, or 14 cents a gallon for wine, or 8 cents a gallon for light wine? What are you going to do? Are you going to penalize the cities, or are you going to raise the booze this small, insignificant fee? It raises \$1.5 million, we don't need LB 11 except for this, it takes care of the problem. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Discussion on the Haberman amendment? Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, question, is this germane?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bohlke, I am going to rule that it is not germane. Senator Haberman.