

purchasing alcoholic beverages, usually on an errand for somebody else, I have always found it rather strange that the carry-out person can carry the beer out to the car but can't carry anything else out, and I think this is a good change. I would like to also comment about the committee amendments and a little more rationale for the bill. Last year, Senator Hartnett introduced a bill enacting the American primary source legislation that works very well for our state, with one minor exception and that exception is in...these very small number of retailers, again, whose percentage of their business affected by this is fairly small but it is an inconvenience for those individuals that go into a wine store wanting to purchase a bottle of vintage wine that is no longer available from the winery. Maybe Senator Landis would want to purchase a bottle of wine from the year of his high school graduation and want to get a 1975 bottle of some sort of...sort of wine and it's no longer there, nor is it available from the winery. What this amendment would do would be allow in that case...and there are places that do have this. It would allow those individuals to get a shipping permit to ship that back through the wholesaler so they're not violating the three-tiered system, back then to the retailer so that Senator Landis could buy it and do so legally. What's actually happening a lot now is this is being done not necessarily on an as up and up a basis as it might otherwise be done. So that's the rationale for the amendment and I do support the Janssen amendment and would urge members just to vote green on all of these things that are coming along here.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any other discussion on the Janssen amendment? Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I can't let this pass up with the area you know where I work. I think if you've got so much liquor that you've gone to the car with that you can't carry it yourself then you're buying too much liquor, to begin with, especially when you're talking about that liquor that is stronger than beer. And I also have a little bit of a problem with the fact that if you have to have the younger people stock the liquor then you probably have too many young people, you don't have any elderly or old enough people at the age group now that can stock that, then you probably have too many young people working for you and you'll have some liquor going out the back door. That does happen. Thank you.