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SENATOR JANSSEN: So...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and if it's wrong, I will let you know.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Okay, thank you very much. What my amendment does, actually, it...it lowers the \$175 to \$100 per million of gross proceeds and sales consumed within the state and case...and wholesalers. So that would at least help us a little bit on the other side of this. The \$25 per location, I'll leave that alone for now, but I think we need to lower...we need to lower that accumulated \$175 per million dollars. We need...it's tough enough right now to try to make a living in the businesses we're in. We employ a lot of people and, as far as donations to community, you talk about the community grant, they're great, that's fine. But, my goodness, how many times don't I...I get hit up every week for donations to the Little League ball team, donations for the bake sale, donations for the high school, donations for the grade school, donations for the playground. And we...that's our communities. We don't mind doing that. But now we come back in and ask for another crack at us by the state. So, with that, I would...I would just like...like some discussion on this and ask for your support of my amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, yours is the next light, if you care to use it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'll pass.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, a couple of questions, Senator Janssen, if I may.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, if I'm remembering right, this particular litter tax was passed as a compromise some years ago when the question was whether Nebraska should have a bottle bill or Nebraska should put some money into cleaning up the litter that is represented by bottles and cans and that sort of thing.