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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, there was more than two people. It's a compromise to several different groups, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you tell me who, now I don't mean just a bunch of retailers, I meant it would be two groups on opposite sides of the question. Who were the two opposing groups that reached this compromise?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: It was, basically, the opposition at the hearing, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the opposition came from the retailers, didn't it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Basically, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this is not a compromise, this is a capitulation. This isn't...there's no compromise with anybody on this. Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Members of the Legislature, I hope you'll understand the approach that I'm taking and it's going to be in the record, which will be transcribed. We were told this is a compromise. It's like management sitting down and saying the way they are going to conduct business and then that's called a compromise because that's what management wanted, and it's contrary to what the union wants. They say, take it or leave it, and if you don't take it, we'll shut down the plant. That's not a compromise. Jesse James does what I described in the earlier analogy to get the bank to leave itself naked and Jesse would say that's a compromise. That's not a compromise. A compromise is when you have two opposing individuals or groups and they try to move toward each other by each conceding something and perhaps gaining something. That's a compromise. This committee amendment is not a compromise. It's a capitulation to the retailers, to the liquor industry, to the drug dealers. This is what they want. They don't like an effective sting operation. So they are going to look at the old stereotypical sheriff that we see on television, got a great big old pot belly, got britches that won't come up over his stomach so they rest below his big old pot belly, and he's got suspenders to hold his britches up so they won't fall down. And, Senator Quandahl, when he thinks about it, he wears a side arm, and it sags way