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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Bromm, would you yield?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, my question is this, when this bill reaches eight hours of discussion, are you going to invoke cloture?

SENATOR BROMM: You know, I really haven't thought about that. I...I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you attempt to invoke it and you're unsuccessful, what happens to the bill?

SENATOR BROMM: I try and circulate a letter to get 33 signatures.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if you don't get it?

SENATOR BROMM: (Laugh) Then the bill doesn't come back.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And that's a risk I'm taking. Maybe you'll get 33 votes the first time around. But, brothers and sisters, I'm willing to take the 24 (sic) hours on the bill. This amendment is not what the bill was about, that's why it's even easier for me to take the 24 (sic) hours, because Senator Bromm doesn't care that much about his bill. I feel all that work that was done this morning was in vane. And I conceded too much by voting for that part of the committee amendment that deals with the drunk aspect of the bill. These bills that increase penalties, in the way that 585 is attempting to do, create new offenses, or the kind that automatically draw my opposition, strong, unyielding opposition. But, as I tell you, I looked at these committee amendments and they were even worse than the bill. So it let me know that there might be something in this bill, 585, that was salvageable. And I do believe that, if a vote were taken on 585, there would probably be enough support to advance it. Unless there are people in the liquor industry who are upset with some aspect of it, then they could get it killed anyway. That's why .08 can't go anywhere, but .08 was a bill, it had a committee hearing, it was in the same committee, it ties into what this bill is about, but it could