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SENATOR JANSSEN: That was not mentioned, Senator Chambers, I'll be quite honest with you, um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. When I say that I'll...I will not oppose something, that's what I mean. But if additional information comes to me, I'm not going to stick by something that I said at one time which no longer obtains when time comes to vote. My feeling is that of Senator Crosby, that university campuses are not the places for liquor to be generally dispensed. Maybe the philosophy is that the students which drinks together thinks together, I don't know, but there is enough out in society in terms of alcoholic consumption. But it seems a little strange that senators would oppose this activity when all of the inviters of the legislators think that you-all are really some drinkers. I have not seen an invitation which does not talk about a happy hour, a cuckoo hour, a cash bar, a free bar, bring your own bottle, they provide brown paper bags in which to tuck your bottle. No social event, if that's what they're called, to which the senators are invited, not one have I seen which does not include alcohol. So why don't you-all set some kind of standard and tell these lobbyists and others you don't need to get liquored up and, if you do, you'll get liquored up on your own time. But when they make it clear that the hook to get you-all to come to anything is liquor, it tells me something about my colleagues. And it also says something about what the lobbyists...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...think of you-all. I don't see on every one of those invitations prime rib and a vegetarian dish, but the alcohol is always there, because when you make them tight their tongues get loose and I mean they just tell everything. Everybody's their friend. Or they might get morose and hostile when ordinarily they're meek and timid. That's when the mouse roars, when you liquor him up. Then, instead of going, (high, quiet voice) squeak, squeak, he goes (loud voice) squeak, squeak, and you wonder, what kind of creature is this you have on your hands? I'm going to listen further to the debate, but the thing goes much beyond what I had told to me.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson.