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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the hireling fled. The hireling took to his heels and he ran away. I have discovered that there are some hirelings who work on these antialcohol issues. This amendment of Senator Brashear is one that I intend to vote for. It's as reasonable as anything that's in this bill now, and more reasonable than some things in it because it's not clear to me what the real purpose of this bill is now. At one time, I had an idea of what its aim was. Now I think it's the accommodation bill. If it weren't an issue as serious as this, I probably wouldn't be saying the things that I'm saying. But those who were discussing these matters had made me believe it was a matter of principle. I don't believe that anymore.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mrs....

SENATOR CROSBY: Followed by Brashear and Chambers.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...thank you, Madam President and members. I just rise in support of the Chambers...or the, excuse me, Senator Chambers, Senator Brashear's amendment. And I do think it's more reasonable. I would note to the body about there's unlimited compliance checks, frankly, that can take place. For example, Baker's in my district, I believe, I know, Baker's does about a million and a half or so in there of business a year. You could conceivably send in five or six compliance checks every day for a couple of days and, basically, shut someone down because there is very little regulation, I believe, in fact I think there needs to be some regulation, frankly, on some compliance checks. In fact, I have an amendment that will deal with that that we'll have an opportunity to discuss. Anyway, I would, again, I think Senator Brashear's amendment is a reasonable one. I hesitate to say it's as reasonable as anything in the bill, but, frankly, I do think it is reasonable. But the way things are going with the amount of volume that some of our grocers do and our retail outlets, it is reasonable and would encourage the body to adopt the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Chambers.