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should make special circumstance laws. The second portion of it says persons who are passengers in the living quarters of a self-propelled mobile home or cabin trailer, as defined in Section 6301, but who are not operating the self-propelled mobile home or the motor vehicle towing the cabin trailer, may possess open alcoholic beverage containers while such vehicle is in a public parking area or any highway on the state. In other words, can you drink in your bedroom? It really comes down to that. I'm not going to belabor the point. I think we have had a very good discussion on Senator Bromm's bill. I would ask that you think about this, and I would ask that you vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. We're open for discussion on Tyson AM1389 to LB 585. Senator Chambers, on that amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we did debate this issue at an earlier stage. And what Senator Tyson is attempting to put back into the bill was specifically taken out. I know there are commercial people who feel they have a better shot of making money, if their passengers can drink. I don't see any need to have people drinking on buses, drinking in limousines, or taxi cabs. And as for what Senator Tyson said about a lot of people violating the law now anyway, there are people who smoke marijuana. I don't know that Senator Tyson wants to legalize that being done in a vehicle or anywhere else. His argument is invalid. Anybody who deals with reality knows that in most cases where a crime exists, based on that conduct having been criminalized by a statute, the majority of violators are not going to be caught. So, laws represent, to a great extent, statements by society of what kind of conduct it deems acceptable and which types are unacceptable. The mere writing something into a law is not going to stop anybody from doing anything or make anybody do anything. There are other things that go along with something having been put into the law that will have an affect, or an effect on people's conduct. Senator Tyson probably has in mind giving a boost to the capitalist system. He thinks that, if I, who have never tasted alcohol, am driving to Lincoln, and I see Senator Bourne staggering along the highway, because he just had to have a swig, but he does not want to drive, and I pick him up and I