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SENATOR TYSON: ...which are being hauled.

SENATOR BROMM: Well, if we adopt your amendment, what will people be able to do legally in their motor homes or limousines with respect to alcohol consumption?

SENATOR TYSON: If they were not operating the motor vehicle, they would be able to drink from an open container.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, I disagree. I just want the body to understand this. I don't think you're correct, because the law has been and the law is, and that reiteration of the current law was in AM1430, which says, except as provided in Section 53-186, which is the liquor laws, which allow for special licenses and so forth under certain conditions, it is unlawful for any person to consume an alcoholic beverage in a public parking area, or on any highway on this state, or inside a motor vehicle while in a public parking area or on any highway of the state. That has been the law, that will be the law after your amendment. And your amendment, as I read it, doesn't change that. And the bill, as it came out of committee, didn't change that. What...what you are trying to do, I believe, is to simply change the fact that it is going to be illegal to have an open container of alcohol in a vehicle on a highway. You're going to...your...your amendment would make it legal to have an open container of alcohol. Your amendment would not make it legal to consume the contents of that bottle. And so I don't want there to be a misunderstanding. There has been a lot of misunderstanding on that. I just want to be sure that's clear. And I will accept the decision of the body on this issue. But again, I'm...I think in respect to what the committee did and what the body did on General File, I'm going to be...I'm just not going to be voting on the amendment. So, I just wanted to clarify...

SENATOR TYSON: Okay, Senator...Senator Bromm, let me ask you a question then.

SENATOR BROMM: Sure.

SENATOR TYSON: Would this permit, however, say of a bottle of alcohol, whisky, rye, et cetera, to be cracked, in other words