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SENATOR RAIKES: Yeah, I'm a small timer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about going after \$768 million?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, go on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now is whiskey taxed at a different rate from wine?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And wine at a different rate from that of beer?

SENATOR RAIKES: I believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the state can differentiate in terms of the amount of tax levied on one of these beverages? Is that right?

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if ethanol is already being given some consideration, couldn't, under my proposal, it be given some consideration and taxed at a favorable rate?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I think this...this should be considered, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why has nobody thought of that? You don't grow enough grapes to really be a power in the world of wine. I know they do make some wine in Nebraska. I've heard of various whiskeys that are made in some countries and beers in various states. Nebraska could be the ethanol capital of the world. Who has never exported any alcohol as a beverage, that you know of?

SENATOR RAIKES: Are you asking me, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't know of anyone, Senator.