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LB 973

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The Chair of the General Affairs Committee, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on the bill.

**SENATOR JANSSEN:** Thank you, Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature. LB 973 was a product of interim hearings that we held this summer on out-of-state distribution of alcoholic beverages. The committee amendments clarify that it's not a burden on interstate commerce and it would not be a double tax. By double tax, I mean that if the taxes were paid in the state where you made the purchase then they are not paid in the state of Nebraska. It's not a...it's not a double tax bill. If...this is something that we have to be very careful with in double taxation. So that is the extent of the committee amendment. It just clarifies that position. With that, I would like to answer any questions on the committee amendments, if there are any.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** We next move to committee amendments. Senator Janssen, as Chair of the committee,...

**SENATOR JANSSEN:** All right. We will...I will...

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** ...you're recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM2218, Legislative Journal page 522.)

**SENATOR JANSSEN:** ...discuss those committee amendments again. As I said, we had good testimony this summer on the interim hearings and we had testimony in the committee hearings. The proponents were quite aware of what was happening in this state and, if you remember, we are not...the state is receiving approximately \$1.4 million a month in revenue from alcoholic beer, wine, liquor, so on and so forth. And we feel as though it's kind of hard to judge what is coming out of state into this state, but in our closest estimation we could get there were about \$500,000 a year in lost revenue. I think that's a low...very low figure. I think it's much greater than that. So this was the purpose of the bill, and there are other problems also with liquor being shipped into the state, and that would be with minors procuring alcohol, either by mail order or any other means, that...and that's a problem. We had testimony from young people that said that they knew when a certain amount of liquor was going to be delivered to their neighbor's house and they