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SENATOR REDFIELD: All right. I'm just not clear as I look at the language in the bill. I don't see any...it says any liquor that's been purchased that you didn't pay the tax on. So if you purchased it over the Internet, it's not going to have been taxed. I don't know how anyone who enforced the law would know when they found the liquor how you...how you had purchased it, whether it had been over the Internet, which wouldn't have been taxed, or by some other means which should have been taxed.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right. Well, you see, we can't...you can't enforce that on the Internet now because of the federal moratorium, which is in three years. And I understand that the, what is it, the Treasury Department or whoever it is, is working on some type of legislation now to control that, because it is getting so big. And this was one of the problems also we heard about was the Internet, I don't want to talk about the Internet, but it was because minors were procuring alcohol from...off the Internet.

SENATOR REDFIELD: I understand and I think that is a very significant issue, but it's an issue that we're really not dealing with in the bill. Do you believe that perhaps we should insert some kind of language to clarify as to the source of the purchase, whether it's over the Internet or whether it's some other source?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I don't think so right now, Senator, because of the moratorium that's been established by the federal government. Until that is taken care of, yeah, I wouldn't want to do that. I...what we're trying to do right now, it's an attempt to try to collect some of the tax that is due in this state. Whether it's successful or not I don't know, but when...I would imagine when the...when the federal people do put something into place at least we will have something in our statutes that clarifies that it must be paid in this state.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, excuse me, members of the Legislature, there is always a reason for a bill