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level and at the retail; wholesale level the excise tax, and the...at the retail level the sales tax, which is due to the state of Nebraska. And I alluded to before we have a tremendous amount of dollars that are coming into this state and those dollars all go into the General Fund, by the way. The excise tax amounts to a lot of money--\$1.4 million, I would, to me, that's a lot of money, a month. So, you see, there are a lot (inaudible). And they were...the wholesalers felt as though they were being placed at a disadvantage there in the revenues not being collected at the wholesale and the retail level. We also had someone in the neutral position. It was a young girl that I thought was very impressive that stated the fact that she can order alcoholic beverages and have them sent right to her door. They ask if they're 21, they say yes. Well, no one checks their ID card like we make our retailers check ID card. It's sent right to their home. So these are some of the things that went through...happened at the committee and...and I hope that you can...this is just a small step into a big problem that we have in this state. Sure, it isn't perfect. Nothing is when we start. Sure, a lot of it is volunteer...volunteerism on...on owning up to the fact that you owe some taxes in this state. But I think it's a first step and I see nothing wrong with having it in our statutes to get the ball rolling. If we do nothing this is just going to get larger and larger and larger and we're going to find ourselves actually losing more revenue in this state. With that, thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to speak. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendments. (FA303, Legislative Journal page 878.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I want to discuss the bill further and that...that would have been my last opportunity to speak, but I really mean this amendment. It would be on page 1, line 12 of the committee amendment. I would strike "wagon". In order to see whether or not I'm being unreasonable, I'd like to ask Senator Janssen a