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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: The way it was before, it excluded beer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and now you would include it. I'm back to my original question, but I'm going to ask it in a different way. Nobody from the Department of Revenue is shown as having spoken on this bill. How much money per year is the state losing as a result of this tax not being paid?

SENATOR JANSSEN: It's estimated...low estimate of \$450,000 a year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they really don't have a basis because they don't know how much liquor people are bringing in from other states on...

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which the tax has already been paid.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So on what do they base that estimate?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They base it on a percentage of the alcohol that is sold in this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they don't...they don't have any factual evidence in terms of at this location this amount of alcohol with no tax having been paid...

SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is being sold.

SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they just pulled the figure, really, out of the air. I could say the figure is \$20 and they could not challenge me by producing facts to show that it's not true, could they?