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SENATOR JANSSEN: I...I can't...I can't speak for them how they came to this figure, but you could probably...if you want to estimate it at \$20, that could probably be argued also...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If...

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...because...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if this bill didn't pass, how is the welfare of the state affected? It has nothing to do with minors drinking. It has nothing to do with drinking and driving. It has nothing to do with any of those things. So if this bill does not pass who is hurt, if anybody, and how are they hurt?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I think the state of Nebraska because of the lost revenue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We don't know that, though, for a fact, but that's the only place where some hurt, if hurt occurred, that you could say it took place.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right. I do believe that...that transactions via catalog, Internet or however you want to do it is growing and I think it's going to...it's not going to get any smaller, Senator Chambers. I think it's going to get bigger.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why don't we wait until we have some facts that would show a justification for this? I don't drink. I'm not interested in more liquor coming into the state. I'm not interested in liquor being produced in the state, but that's beside the point when it comes to the kind of laws we enact. And I realize the liquor industry is heavily regulated, but this is not a direct regulation of the liquor industry in Nebraska. This has to do with competition and, just like that car bill wanted to protect those dealers from competition, apparently these people who testified for this bill, the Wholesale Liquor Distributors Association and the Licensed Beverage Association, are feeling the heat from competition. But they cannot give any facts either. Or when they were testifying, did they give you some facts and tell you on which...on what those facts were based?