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we don't have anything on the books...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time, Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's okay. Senator Wickersham, you are recognized to speak. Senator Wickersham. I don't see Senator Wickersham. Seeing...seeing no further lights on the amendment, Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would, Madam President, and I'd like to close off the breath of this bill ultimately. What my amendment does is to strike the word "wagon" from this bill and I'll tell you all why I'm doing this. There was not great care exercised in drafting this language because they are not, whoever they are who wanted this bill, concerned about trains and boats and planes, automobiles, trucks, wagons or other conveyances. They feel competition. And I'm not convinced that the bill is necessary, but I want to strike "wagon" from it. Senator Janssen has not given a compelling argument to justify our enacting legislation in the year 2000 wherein we, who have computerized gadgets on our desks, a Legislature, which has discussed a bullet train between Omaha and Lincoln, will put as a conveyance likely to be transporting large quantities of liquor a wagon. I just don't believe that this is necessary. I've driven through rural parts of the state, and I have not seen anybody driving a wagon. Now, you might have an individual moving hay or something of that nature in a wagon, maybe that's being done; but among the kind of conveyances that are being discussed in this proposed legislation, wagon does not fit. I don't know any common carrier who employs wagons, and that's what we're talking about in addition to a person. If a person were going to do this, I doubt that he or she would call attention to himself or herself by transporting this illegal liquor in a wagon, but it's not really illegal. The liquor is not illegal and it's not illegal for the person to possess it. So I don't see anybody using a wagon for these nefarious purposes. Now, a boat could be any craft, any object that floats and that a person uses for negotiating water, so maybe there are some tall ships with sails. Maybe there are some