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SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Janssen. And I will, before I pull that, I do want to have some final comments, that if some people are listening and this does spark some curiosity, at least we can alert the general public and maybe some other members, if this is a concern of theirs. And with that, I'd like to pull my motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Seeing no objection, with unanimous consent, it is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Chambers, FA310. I had a note, Senator, you wanted to withdraw this particular one.

SENATOR CUDABACK: No objection, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend with AM2962, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1180.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, this bill, LB 973, I have been kind of massaging each time that it came up. And the last day that we debated the bill, I had offered an amendment to triple the licensing fees for all these different categories of purveyors of liquor. We got enough votes, on an effort to triple the amount, to serve notice to the industry that there was a feeling in the body that there should be an increase in those fees. What I decided to do instead results from a comment Senator Beutler made to me. As you know, he is a member of the culture corner, over here. And he said, this is what we ought to do, the Governor has laid out what he referred to as the bill of rights for workers in these packing plants, and rather than let this whole effort of the Lieutenant Governor undertaking whatever study he did or the research, the Governor making his comments, we should come out of all of that with something positive. So two bills are really involved in what I'm talking about this morning, and I'll explain them. Rather than triple, double those license fees, a modest increase of \$15 is made in three places in the bill. And I'm going to give Senator Janssen some of my time to let you all know that there were discussions among those affected, and they