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raiser. The one most feared by moonshiners was the revenuer, the government agent who was interested in taxing liquor and getting all the stills taken care of, in other words, stilling the stills. I'm not too concerned about what the lobby says during the discussion that we're having on these measures designed to cover the shortfall that the state is facing. I can understand Senator Landis and the Revenue Committee trying to spike...pardon that expression...but trying to spike opposition that the liquor lobby may have to a bill. I don't know that we would...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...reduce the proposed cigarette tax by more than 50 percent if the tobacco industry said, we'll agree to that. We have disregarded the shrill and strident outcries of those who use tobacco products. But when it comes to liquor, which is involved in a lot of crimes, a lot of auto accidents that result in death, injury, and property destruction, we're going to bow to the liquor lobby. I'm not going to support the committee amendment, and I don't know whether I will support the bill. I was very concerned about some matters that were in a bill that Senator Bromm brought to us. The same with a bill that Senator Smith brought to us. And I have concerns about what the committee amendment is proposing. But I'm going to sit back, listen to the discussion.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I shall keep my powder dry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I wanted to make a couple of comments about the liquor tax. But I almost...I'm tempted to take off in Senator Brashear's direction and talk about overall strategy, because I think we need to do a lot of discussing of that today. But I think for now I'll stick with the liquor tax. I think what the committee amendment is proposing is extremely modest. And if that's what we need to do