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bill. I know that the lobby probably hired the best lobbyist that they thought was available who could push the Legislature into a position of not taxing the products beyond what the liquor industry is willing to permit the Legislature to tax. Now, when we talk about being permitted to do something as a Legislature, it is a sorrowful commentary. Thus far, I'm the only one who has used that term with reference to this bill and the proposed amount that we find in the committee amendment. I don't agree that pain ought to be given only to those who smoke. This liquor industry has demonstrated its political muscle by keeping this Legislature from taxing them for a number of years. And never has their product been taxed as it should. Senator Engel used the term "sin" with reference to the consumption of alcohol. And that's the term applied to tobacco and certain other practices and activity that are frowned upon by society, or some segments of society. The purpose of this bill is not to discourage the consumption of liquor. The purpose is to raise revenue. In the form of the committee amendment, it is not going to serve either of those functions.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In its original form, it would not discourage the consumption of liquor. But it would raise a respectable amount of revenue. If we are going to impose a tax, we should impose one that is meaningful. Not a token tax, not one that the industry tells us we can impose. We should make an independent judgment as a Legislature. As a member of the Legislature, if that judgment seems to run counter to mine, I will have to do what I can to try to bring it more in line with what I believe we ought to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm going to stand and support the green copy this morning. And I don't think that we should be cutting it down like the committee amendments does. Several things to come to conclusion of. We do need the revenue. And I realize that we're trying to pick on alcohol right now. But we have picked on the cigarettes for a long time, and have raised that a lot. And they don't cause