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college students are really shuddering in their boots. That's going to have a big impact on their budget. However, I do commend you for what you've done. I will support the committee amendments and the bill. My own personal preference would be a higher rate, especially on beer, because that seems to be the beverage of choice for our high school students and college students. I don't know where they get it, but there's a lot of people buying illegally for these younger people in our state, and I wish that would stop. I wish they would wait till they were 21 to make that decision to drink. But I do hear your argument about the other states around us. And so I will support the committee amendments and what you're doing, although my personal preference would be for a higher rate.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I wasn't going to stand up, but I thought maybe I should at this time, because I do have an amendment to the committee amendment, anticipating that the committee amendment will pass. And I introduced a bill in Revenue Committee. It was killed. I must admit, the amendment is similar, but it's different in that...well, I can explain that when we get to that point. What I do want to mention to you is that if we compare the alcohol tax to cigarette tax, we can see that for each single cigarette there is approximately...each single cigarette, 3 cents tax. For each can of beer there is a mere 2 cents tax. Three cents for a cigarette, two cents for a beer. The tax proposal that I was going to introduce would have added another 1.6 cents to that can of beer. Now, what does that mean? Well, if.. and by the way, my amendment would increase the committee amendment \$14 million on top of it, on top of it, with \$7 million going to General Fund, another \$7 million going to treatment. And, yes, I know the Revenue Committee hates designated funding. But every dollar that we spend on treatment returns back \$4 to \$7 in funds for incarceration alone, incarceration alone. But let me just tell you...and Senator Kruse mentioned that, yes, we all receive letters saying that if we raised a can of beer any amount at all that there would be people that would be put out of work, trucks would not be purchased, and all kinds of bad things would happen. But even