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another question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, you're aware that various portions of a bill can be assigned a specific effective date, aren't you?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if the body was of a mind to implement this particular tax, should it wind up in your bill, that could be done on the same effective date that would be offered by this bill before us now. Is that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, that's true. And I would say again, Senator Chambers, it's already in there; we just have to change the effective date.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Members of the Legislature, I've mentioned this to some of you from time to time. People are familiar with Teddy Roosevelt saying, walk softly but carry a big stick. Another statement of his that people are less familiar with, but you will be familiar with it, based on the number of times I shall repeat it, was the following. Never strike unless you must; but if you must, never strike softly. We're going to tax the liquor industry. There has been a timorousness about doing that. If the will is here now to do it, we should not strike softly. If we do not tax the liquor industry in the way that we're taxing cigarette smokers, I'm going to be that dead cat on the line. And I don't believe any bill can get 33 votes, and I will be pleased to bring us back here for a special session. If you have a bad tooth, you can tease it if you want to, because there might be a type of pleasurable sensation...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in that tiny bit of ache that is not