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up criminals. That's not a subsidy of the alcohol industry. Anyway, I oppose the Jensen amendment and I look forward to a chance to vote on it soon.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Tyson, followed by Senator Johnson and six others. Senator Johnson. I'm sorry. Senator Tyson, that light went off.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and gentlemen of the Unicameral, I rise in support of the Jensen amendment. I am going to vote for the Jensen amendment. I urge all of you to do it. I will tell you why. I have never voted for what used to be called a sin tax, and I'm not voting for that now. Senator Landis just mentioned that part of this process is a competition for tax dollars. That's what the Jensen amendment is. It's an end run around that for purposes that I believe are for the welfare of the state and of its population, substance abuse generally speaking. Slightly more than half, by my figures, of the anticipated revenue here will go for those purposes. If this amendment is rejected, and I sincerely hope that it's not, I will not vote for LB 283. I am voting for the use of this money. Give that some thought. If you go into a liquor store or into a grocery store that sells alcohol, you look at the prices of 750 milliliter bottle, roughly the equivalent of a fifth, and of what I'm told is good booze, you're paying in the twenties to low thirties. So I don't really think that this sum of money is going to be an impediment to trade, as it were. I'm one of the few people here, maybe Senator Vrtiska or Senator Hartnett are old enough to remember the nickel beer. They don't have that anymore and I don't think that the increase for beer is very much. I don't think that any of these will stop anyone from buying. I think this is a revenue bill for dedicated purposes. I support it. I urge you to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Now Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Microphone malfunction) Mr. President and...is this working? Here we go. Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to rise to support this amendment. I've had