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participate in the rest of Senator Landis' motion. I recognize the need for that, and would be happy to participate in that. But I will not vote for the reconsideration. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers, on the motion to reconsider the Revenue Committee...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I shall not speak too long on this motion because I'll have a chance to speak long on the bill itself if this reconsideration is successful. I have made it clear what my position is. If we're going to tax the liquor industry, the tax should be substantial enough to make it worthwhile to do, put forth the effort. The lobby may feel they've got a victory, the liquor lobby, if this vote is reconsidered, but that's when the battle just begins. The first motion I will make on that bill is one that I won't tell you right now, but I know it doesn't have 33 votes. And I don't know how long you all want to stand on it...stay on it, but yesterday I didn't get the opportunity to make this comment to follow up what Senator Johnson said on that bill in terms of how long he would be on it. He quoted Adlai Stevenson in the...at the UN during the missile crisis. He said Adlai said, "I'll stay here till hell freezes over." And I was hoping I would get a chance to speak after him because I was going to finish it, "and I'll skate on the ice." Well, this time I will have the opportunity to do both of them. Now the liquor lobby won't care that this bill gets killed. First of all, by making the Legislature roll over and cut the tax, the proposed increase, more than 50 percent will show that they've got control of the Legislature. When I do my work, if I'm successful, and kill the bill, then they only have one front to fight on and that's Senator Brashear's bill. Senator Brashear hopes he can put enough sweeteners in it to put together a coalition of votes sufficient to get it across the board and to override a veto of the Governor, if that should be forthcoming. We have not approached the status of chaos yet, but when chaos reigns, that's when Ernie rules. And I don't mind telling you in front what I intend to do. I'm the person who is always saying, we should be forthright, there should not be hypocrisy. I don't owe it to anybody in a legislative setting to reveal the cards that are in my hand, but I will do so because I'm not