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LB 283

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would offer FA1350. (Legislative Journal page 1643.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers to open on your FA1350 to LB 283.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 283 is a bill which would raise the tax on various types of alcoholic beverage. The committee reduced the amount of tax that would be collected by more than 50 percent from what was proposed in LB 283. That is a position that I am totally opposed to. So what I am offering here in my first amendment is an attempt to raise additional revenue. And I am not going back to what was requested in the committee...in the green copy. In the green copy, on the first line that I will be offering an amendment, so that it won't be confusing, my amendment is to the committee amendment. The committee amendment is this brief little six-line amendment that you find. So the committee amendment goes to the green copy of the bill. My amendment is to the committee amendment. But in order to understand it, if you want to follow it, you would have to look at the green copy on the pages...or on the page and the line numbers mentioned in the committee amendment. So in line 1 of the committee amendment, they would go to page 2 of the green copy, in line 5. The existing language in the statute would raise the amount that we're dealing with in this first part from 23 cents to 36 cents per gallon of beer, from 23 to 36. The committee amendment would have reduced that 36 cents to 29 cents. So what my amendment does is to leave in place the language in the committee amendment that would strike 36. And I would then strike 29, which the committee amendment inserted, and replace that 29 with 46. Which means that for this gallon of beer, my amendment would raise it ten cents more per gallon than was attempted in the committee...in the original form of the bill. So rather than merely trying to return the bill to where it was in the green form, I am raising the amount above that. The green copy said 36 cents. That is what the bill originally offered. The committee amendment reduced that to nine cent...29 cents. I am striking the 29 cents and putting 46 cents, which raises it ten cents above what was in the green copy of the bill. That's on the beer. The next item is in