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line 2 of the committee amendment, which deals with line 6 in the green copy. And in line 6, the words "seventy-five" are stricken and replaced with "one dollar and twenty," which means that the green copy of the bill would have raised this amount per gallon of wine from 75 cents to \$1.25. My amendment would raise the amount to \$2.20. So in line 6 in the green copy, I would strike the word "one" and insert "two dollars and twenty." In line 3 of the committee amendment...oh, we took care of that. In line 5 of the committee amendment, there is the word "six," and that would take us to line 12 in the green copy. In line 12, we see eight cents per gallon for wine produced in farm wineries. The original language in the statute is five cents. The green copy would raise it to eight cents, then drop it back to six cents by the committee amendment. And I would strike that six and raise it to 12, which would be four cents more than the eight proposed in the green copy, and seven cents more than the five found in the original law. And I'm just saying this for the record. Then in line 6 of the committee amendment, you see \$3.25, and that would take us to line 13, I believe, in the green copy. Yes, it does. Three dollars is in the original language of the statute. The green copy would raise that \$3.00 to \$4.70. My amendment, instead of raising the \$3.00 to a mere \$4.70, I would raise it to \$6.70. That is a declaration of what this amendment does. If you look on your gadget, you will see what I have described to you. But if you want to follow it, you should let the committee amendment be your road map to take you to the portion of the green copy where all of this activity, which may sound confusing, has taken place. If you wanted to, you could just go to the green copy, if you wanted to be very clear on what is done, and just strike out the amounts that are mentioned in the green copy, and replace them with the amounts that I am suggesting. Then you would see where we are. Now to go into a discussion of what is being done here. I have no idea what the total amount of revenue is that would be raised if you adopt my amendments. But it would be considerably more than what is being raised by the committee amendment which has been adopted. It would be a good bit more than the original form of LB 283. My contention is that if we're going to raise the tax on alcoholic beverages, the tax should be sufficiently high to make it worthwhile to do it.