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LB 283

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: The form that LB 283 was in originally was a good amount, even though the introducer had said that he just pulled the number out of a hat and had his staff member draw up a bill. By accident, he hit upon a very happy arrangement. When his amendment was first offered, the committee amendment that would have reduced the amount in the green copy by more than 50 percent, the vote was one vote short. It got 24 votes. Other activity took place on the bill. Then Senator Cunningham, for whatever reasons, stood on the floor and said his wife would be glad to see that he admitted he was wrong.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. But your light is next, so proceed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. So he said he was going to offer a reconsideration motion, which he offered. Between the time that the committee amendment failed to be adopted and the time that his reconsideration motion was offered, the liquor lobby got very busy, and numerous votes changed, and the committee amendment was adopted with ease. I opposed the committee amendment. I opposed the reconsideration motion. I voted against the second vote on adopting the committee amendment. But it was adopted anyway. So this is a bill with which I disagree very strongly. Senator Brashear is in the Chamber, and I would like to ask him a question before I make a statement that may not be accurate. If Senator Brashear would yield to a question, I'd like to ask him one.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brashear, would you yield, please?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, I think I remember you mentioning that this issue of the liquor tax is covered in your bill that is on the agenda later on. Is that true? Forgetting the amounts,...