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I won't have to make new amendments. I can just take them out of the transcript and add them to Senator Brashear's bill. I see him walking...I'm not going to ask you any questions, Senator Brashear. I just happened to see you. I cannot wait for that titanic struggle, though, and I'm thinking about not even getting in that debate because it doesn't matter what you do. You're not going anywhere. You're not going to succeed.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. You may continue, and this will be your third time. I'll let you know, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I say, like Shakespeare, "Ah, parting is such sweet sorrow." But I'm not parting, so nobody has to be sorrowful. I'm going to be here and I have additional amendments, and I'm going to offer them. And there are some people who are kind of clever. They think they're going to find a way to stop me. Well, as I always say, have at it. I have got other bills on the agenda, and there are other opportunities. What I have said to a person who has a deep interest in this bill, if that person is willing to negotiate, I am, too; that if I can get an increase in this alcohol tax over what the committee amendment offers, then that person will get two or three other items that that person wants in the bill. But it doesn't matter if that person gets a thousand items if the bill doesn't go anywhere. It's building a house with no foundation. And we will get to that person's amendments eventually, perhaps. But if there are at least two parts to it, you know we're going to divide the question, and then we will have amendments to that. So I've got plenty of opportunity to continue to talk about alcohol. I don't know when alcohol was first created or discovered. It could have been a Neanderthal, stumbling around in the forest, and some grapes or some other substance that will fester, some people say ferment, had gone through that process and the Neanderthal sampled it and liked the taste and liked the feeling, but didn't like the feeling afterward, the hangover. But the hangover was worth it in order to get what preceded it. So the way they discuss these things, Senator Aguilar, is to speculate about how the Neanderthal figured out the methodology to produce this fermented juice. But at any rate, that's what happened, and the head Neanderthal was the one who controlled the liquor supply. So maybe it dates