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views that I have so even when we come back into special session we'll have the same kind of issues to fight again. I want to increase the tax on alcohol and I want to increase it more than the present amount in Senator Landis' bill. I don't know whether that can be done. The Governor favors increasing the tax on alcohol. So if Senator Landis' bill can be put in some form that can move across the board and be voted on by a majority of us, I don't believe there would be a veto. So there would be that little bit that doesn't have to be dealt with during the special session. It would lessen the amount that we have to deal with when we come back, and I do believe we will be back. But since we can only take a day at the time, an instant at the time, an amendment at the time, this that is before us now is what I want to focus on. If Senator Brashear's bill contains the tax on the vehicles that Senator Preister, Senator Bourne, myself and others are concerned about, I will not support Senator Brashear's bill. I'm only one vote, but I'm just declaring where I am so that there will be no surprises to anybody. The form that my lack of support will take remains something that I will keep to myself for the time being. As Senator Tyson, the "Baron," told me, based on a conversation he had with Stone Wall Jackson that if the sleeves of my coat knew my plans I would burn my coat, I think the "Baron" and Stone Wall had a point. And, Senator Mines, I'm not going to say stone head, so just forget it. He's an agitator. I'm going to see if Senator Brashear and Senator Preister can arrive at some kind of accord.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brashear, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you, members of the body. Mr. President, if I could inquire, what's the...are there other speakers after me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: There are one, Senator Brashear. Senator Hartnett is after you.