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Legislature. This amendment, we have talked with Attorney General and she is acceptable with that, the Attorney General's deputy. And there are...this is model legislation. Twenty other states have enacted this. Another 16 are...it is pending. I can accept the amendment as drafted by Senator Bourne and would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Bourne, could I ask you a question or two?

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

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Bourne, will this affect some of the what I call bootleg tobacco operations where they will run cigarettes in from off the coast and back? You understand what I'm talking about?

SENATOR BOURNE: I do, and I don't believe that it's geared towards that at all, no.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. This is just cigarettes transported between states, is that right?

SENATOR BOURNE: Right. It would be if you had a wholesale distributorship, say, on the border of Kansas or Iowa or South Dakota. Arguably, the language in the bill would preclude that wholesaler from having non-Nebraska stamped cigarettes in their possession, so they...so they...basically, under the language of the bill, they would have to stamp cigarettes going into Iowa with the Nebraska stamp. So it just clarifies that they can...you know, if they have Nebraska cigarettes that they're selling in Nebraska, they stamp them with the Nebraska stamp.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum.

SENATOR BOURNE: If they have cigarettes that are going to Iowa, they stamp them with the Iowa stamp. And this clarifies that