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this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Landis on the Tyson amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this undoes what LB 283 is about. And you ought to go back...if this is successful, let's just kill the bill. Because it goes back to October. And October is where LB 759 is. The virtue of LB 283 is that in fact it starts the tax in July. And with the wine and the hard liquor people, that's an advantage. That's fine. That's okay with them. I don't know the operations of the beer industry. My guess is that they've got a month and a half here to get ready for this and make whatever adjustments they need to. But July 1 is a date that will bring us \$1 million more of revenue. And I'm not going to make any representations with respect to the beer industry. They are players in themselves. I haven't heard of them. I haven't heard of the Tyson amendment before now. But the other two-thirds of the liquor industry prefer LB 283 and the July 1 date. It means 1 million bucks to us, and in fact takes us back to where we are on the public policy now. The better thing to do is simply kill LB 283, Senator Tyson. It's just, vote no on the bill, if there's a bad...if it's a bad idea. You don't need to do it in that...in my estimation. I'd vote no on the Tyson amendment. This is, essentially, one of the virtues of the bill at this point, which is to get us a relatively noncontroversial \$1 million of taxes, which at least two of the major parts of this have signed off and agreed to. And so I resist the Tyson amendment. We'll see where the body is. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Tyson yield to a question?

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

SENATOR TYSON: Yes. Not surrender. Yield.

SENATOR BOURNE: (Laugh) Senator Tyson, could you again explain