

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

February 17, 2005 LB 563

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yeah. All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but I'm saying, in looking at the committee statement and seeing the people who were opposed to it, was their opposition based on the issue that I'm raising, that perhaps it should be classed as a liquor instead of beer?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Not necessarily. They are just against all alcohol, any...they are there whenever we are discussing an alcohol situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they...did they feel that the product ought to be banned in Nebraska?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, I would imagine they would think that every type of alcohol should be banned in the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Janssen, because (singing) imagination is funny, I don't want your imagination. I want you, if you can recall, to let me know what they said was their objection. Did they say they're opposed to this product being labeled beer because they're opposed to all alcohol consumption and this just makes another product legal?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they wanted it...

SENATOR JANSSEN: They're opposed (singing) when they're in or out of the money. They're opposed to that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) It's a good thing it isn't raining, because he and I'd be singing in the rain for the rest of the morning and people would hope that there would be a lot of thunder. But, Senator Janssen, why can we not define this as liquor? Would the tax be higher?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because I see all the purveyors of alcohol