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have something be classified as a beer or as a distilled spirit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, it's (inaudible).

SENATOR CONNEALY: This is normally...a 6 percent type product is normally a beer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, it's a money issue, and all this other really is irrelevant, in a sense. What does it alter as far as the taste of beer?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I don't know if it does. I've never had these products, so I don't know for sure, but...though I don't think there was any testimony that had anything to do with taste.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are we talking about flavoring?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yeah. Sometimes they use alcohol's flavoring, I understand, but this is a product that tastes like tea or lemonade or some other...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Though then why don't...why don't you just let them put lemonade in the beer?

SENATOR CONNEALY: That would be fine with me. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, who came up with this product and why was it created?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I don't have information on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will it give a greater outlet for distilled alcohol? Is there any distilled alcohol in beer right now?

SENATOR CONNEALY: In these products there's some distilled alcohol in some of them, if not the majority of them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In beer that's sold right now in Nebraska as beer.