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SENATOR JANSSEN: Sure.

SENATOR JENSEN: Tell me the purpose for introducing of this bill. Now, this product has been on the market for some time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR JENSEN: Why now do we need a bill such as this today?

SENATOR JANSSEN: We need it to comply with the federal regulations that just came down.

SENATOR JENSEN: And those federal regulations are what?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They are just about the same definition that we give it. Actually, they...it is. In order to be taxed and treated, 51 percent alcohol comes from flavored malt beverages by the brewing process; no more than 49 percent of the alcohol may come from flavored distillation added to the product. That's what the fed regs say (inaudible).

SENATOR JENSEN: So what is it being currently taxed as today?

SENATOR JANSSEN: As beer.

SENATOR JENSEN: As beer.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR JENSEN: And it will be continued to be taxed as beer?

SENATOR JANSSEN: As long as it doesn't have over 49 percent coming from distillation.

SENATOR JENSEN: And there are some out there that do have more than 49 percent?

SENATOR JANSSEN: You know, I'm not sure at the present time whether...I don't think so. It could be. I can find that out for you.