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inch. Since that time, there have been technological improvements in the manufacture of unfired pressure vessels, resulting in the availability of unfired pressure vessels that have working pressures of greater than 250 pounds per square inch. These vessels, typically holding inert gasses such as carbon dioxide, oxygen, nitrogen, and other nonflammable gasses, are beginning to show up with increasing frequency in restaurants, bars, convenience stores, grocery stores, and other retail establishments. The Department of Labor is currently inspecting restaurants, bars, and other businesses that use these types of unfired pressure vessels holding carbon dioxide and nitrogen for the delivery of soda pop and other beverages. But the department concedes that these are merely visual inspections, because the vessel is closed and incapable of being opened without destroying it. I personally toured a site that had these types of vessels at their facility. These vessels consist of a stainless steel tank inside of a stainless steel outer wall. The vessels also contain dual safety relief valves. I asked, what could happen...or what damage, if damage occurred to one of these vessels? And basically, if the outer wall of this vessel were punctured, it would no longer operate, and the product would not stay cold. If the inner wall were damaged, the vapor pressure would release and the gas would turn to a solid and the gas...or the vapor would dissipate. In other words, the tank will shut down its intended use, and it would have to be replaced for the business to continue operating. I ask you vote for LB (sic) 204.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the Business and Labor Committee amendments. Open for discussion on those amendments, AM0204. Seeing none, Senator Cunningham, to close. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is, shall AM0204, offered by Business and Labor, be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the committee amendments offered by the Business and Labor Committee, AM0204. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.