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advanced from General File, but the lobbyists do their job. They put together handouts that will lull the Legislature into thinking this is harmless, that it's only a tax issue. That's part of it, but it's more than that. They will make more selling this as beer, in volume, than they're worried about in terms of any tax they would have to pay if we put it where it ought to be as far as its regulation. I don't drink alcoholic beverages. I have never felt that my nondrinking makes me any better than anybody else, gives me any position of moral superiority. I will not eat vomit, but other people might want to eat vomit so let them do it. I just choose not to. Some people may get right down there at the trough with the hog and eat the same thing the hog eats, but I won't. And I'll bet my breath will not smell as bad as theirs will smell. Now I can say that for sure. But on this bill, after seeing so much legislation come through here which allegedly is drafted to show concern for young people, I cannot understand how this body will support something like this. You should never bring another one of those bills and you should abolish all of these open container laws and other things directed at young people. I don't want to see them drink. I wish they were smarter than they are. I wish they had better examples than the grown people they have. Every time you get an invitation, I get them: senators come; happy hour. What do they mean happy hour? They ought to call it fool's hour. You got to drink wherever you go. You got to drink no matter what you're doing. You can smell it on people's breath around here, and especially on the lobbyists. And they'll ply you with liquor, if you'll take it. Everybody knows it's the devil's brew, demon rum. Everybody knows that, even the old "Bibble." Solomon, supposed to be so wise, said don't drink; that strong drink is a raging and wine is a mocker and it rises up and stings you, words to that effect. So they tell me to counter it,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...well, they have where Jesus turned water into wine. I don't know anything about that, because they also said he walked on water. I don't know anything about that. But if Jesus turned water to wine, I know people who can turn wine into water, and they turn beer into water also. They don't call