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don't sell them like beer. It's more expensive than beer, because they have a market for this product. So I believe that we need to defeat the Chambers amendment and go ahead and pass LB 563 to comply with the federal standards that have been set out. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers. This will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. The rule of 33 is in place. I'm insulted by some of the stuff that these lobbyists are sending in here. Now they pushed it over the edge. They think they're smart and they think they know more than they know. Walt and his minions should have found out what was being done on this bill before they started sending these kind of notes in here. I want to ask Senator Janssen a question...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I'm toning it down because my attitude toward Senator Janssen is different from what it is toward Radcliffe and those people out there. Senator Janssen, you said the source of the alcohol makes no difference, correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said that the amount of alcohol in the beverage which will allow it to be beer is 6 percent or less. Can it be as high as 8 percent?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, 6 percent or less. Then why don't we change Nebraska's law...since it doesn't matter the source of the alcohol, it doesn't say that the source will cause it to behave any differently...that any beverage that has no more than 6 percent alcohol, whether distilled or brewed, shall be a beer? The full 6 percent can be distilled. Why don't we describe that as beer? Would you support that?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, the federal regulations that we have to