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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the Legislature. I stand in support of Senator Kruse's amendment and in support of the underlying bill. Senator Kruse's amendment was originally LB 845 and...or LB 845 is the carrier of the bill, and we have Senator Kruse's amendment, which was LB 1160, the beverage server training program. The amendment/bill is revised by committee amendments to make a few changes and make it more clear, but I believe it is something that will help those who have liquor licenses that their employees at least understand the liquor laws and understand the ramifications of consuming too much alcohol. With that, I hope that the body adopts the amendment, AM2320, and the underlying bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion? Senator Aguilar, followed by Senator Louden.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I, too, rise in support of both the amendment and the underlying legislation. My community has problems with the particular legislation that changes the terminology from "shall" to "may" for a couple years now and been dealing with different issues, including oversaturation of licenses, as well as, you know, licenses being issued to people of questionable character. I just think this should be a lot more of a local control issue and as well as I think it's a great idea to provide training at the same time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Further discussion? Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. First, I'd like to address a matter that Senator Preister brought up, that whenever he gets a chance, he always talks about what we can do to cure Whiteclay. If we just closed up the liquor stores, why, that would be the end of the problem. Sure, it would probably be the end of the Whiteclay, but the problem would probably move on down the road about ten miles and you'd probably have a bigger problem. I would ask sometime if Senator Preister would really research the matter and find out what the underlying problem really is. It isn't the amount of liquor