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Gentleman: Whatever tax on alcohol ought to be spread among all of the users. We have a tax on alcohol right now and it suffices. If it doesn't suffice, then it ought to be changed.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers, the money should come from treatment centers irrespective of where?

Response: No. Wherever the treatment centers are needed they ought to be there, and they ought to be paid for there.

Sen. Ray: Do you mean the people within the districts themselves should pay for them?

Response: That's right. If the individual communities or programs want to have a big alcoholism rehabilitation program, whatever kind of program, they ought to pay for it themselves just like we pay for the schools or anything else.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Thank you very much.

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Gentlemen: Well, I think it's a wonderful program, myself.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Where do you think the money should come from?

Response: Actually, I think the money should come from the state.

Sen. Ray: Irrespective of an increase in taxes?

Response: Irrespective of an increase in taxes -- right.

Sen. Ray: In other words, it's a problem that we have that has to be taken care of.

Response: Right. Must.

Sen. Ray: Then we've got to take care of it.

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Anything else?

Response: That's all I can say.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: What I'd like to do is ask you about the alcoholism program. Do you think that the state should have an alcoholism program?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from, sir.

Response: Liquor taxes.

Sen. Ray: Only liquor taxes. Do you mean if the taxes on liquor are not increased or not enough, then you don't believe we should have the centers?

Response: I believe that . . .

Sen. Ray: Or do you believe we should have the centers irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: We have to have the centers, and if the liquor tax is the only way to get it, then liquor taxes should be used in that.

Sen. Ray: Do you consider alcoholism a disease? An illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else you would like to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: You got it? That's it? Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: Yes, it is.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think . . . do you think we should have treatment centers?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from?

Response: From the people. Taxes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think it should just be confined to tax on liquor or should treatment centers be built irrespective of an increase in taxes on alcohol? In other words, should we have the treatment centers even if we don't get an increase in the tax on alcohol?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Got anything else to say about that?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: Yes, sure do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe in treatment centers for the illness of alcohol?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: What do you think . . . do you think the state should provide these treatment centers in the various communities? How do you think they should do this? With tax money?

Response: Well, yes, I guess so.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe an increase in the tax on alcohol, or do you believe that there should be treatment centers irrespective of any increase in taxes?

Response: Well, I don't know how good ~~that's going to do~~, the tax on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: That's what I say. Do you believe that we should have the centers even if we don't have an increase in the tax on alcohol?

Response: Yes, we need them.

Sen. Ray: And we should have them?

Response: Yes.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we need treatment centers?

Response: I do.

Sen. Ray: How do you think we should pay for these? By an increase in the tax, or do you believe we should have treatment centers irrespective of any increases?

- Response: Well, if it could be done without increasing the taxes, of course. But, if necessary, then make allowances for them.
- Sen. Ray: The point is that the Governor said he will not approve of any capital improvements unless there is an increase in the liquor tax, and what I'm asking you is do you believe that these centers should be in the state whether they increase the tax or not?
- Response: I believe so. When a state can have an alcoholic named after the state, Alaskaholics, I think -- and I drink....
- Sen. Ray: It's time we did something?
- Response: So -- yes.
- Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say, ma'am?
- Response: No.
- Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.
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- Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?
- Response: I do think it's an illness.
- Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers throughout the state to take care of this illness?
- Response: I think there should be places where people can go to get help.
- Sen. Ray: Programs and treatment centers, something of this sort?
- Response: Yes.
- Sen. Ray: Do you believe that this money should come from any place, irrespective, the need is great enough that it should not just be an increase in the tax on alcohol but it should come from some place so that we can take care of these poor unfortunates?
- Response: From a welfare agency, I would think it could come from there.
- Sen. Ray: What I'm getting at is that the Governor said that unless we increase the taxes on alcohol that he's not going to approve any treatment centers. Do you believe the need is greater . . .
- Response: But the increase in tax on alcohol . . . where would the increase go?

Sen. Ray: Nobody knows. Thank you, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers?

Response: Yes, we do. We need treatment centers for them.

Sen. Ray: The Governor has said that unless we increase the taxes on alcohol that he will not approve the building of treatment centers unless there paid for by an increase in the tax. Do you believe this is right or we need them irrespective?

Response: The increase on alcohol tax? Yes, I'm very much for it. I think if the people want to drink they should pay for their treatments then.

Sen. Ray: But, irrespective of that, even if we don't put the tax on, do you believe that we should still have the treatment centers and the money should come from some place?

Response: Yes, it should come from tax money because people have to be helped.

Sen. Ray: We have to build them regardless of where the money comes from.

Response: They have to be helped.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a sickness or a disease?

Response: I believe it is a disease.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe that we should have treatment centers?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should come from an increase in the tax on alcohol or it should come from some place, just as long as we have the centers?

Response: Probably from the increase in the tax on alcohol. It would be a good start.

Sen. Ray: But if you couldn't get the increase, then you wouldn't be in favor of the centers? What I'm saying is the Governor said or has indicated that unless we increase the tax on alcohol that he will not approve the building of treatment centers. Do you believe that that is a proper approach, or do you believe we should have the centers regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: I think we should have the centers.

Sen. Ray: Regardless of where the money comes from.

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think alcoholism is a disease?

Response: Yes, I really do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for the care of these people?

Response: That's right.

Sen. Ray: And where do you believe the money should come from? An increase in the taxes on alcohol or do you believe the money should come irrespective?

Response: I think it should come from the taxes on the alcohol. Let the alcohol pay for the treatment.

Sen. Ray: Well, the Governor has said that unless we increase the taxes on alcohol that he will not approve building the treatment centers. So, if we cannot get the tax on alcohol raised, then you don't believe that we should use the oil revenues or any of the other tax measures in order to build the treatment centers?

Response: I think we should have them.

Sen. Ray: In other words, we should have the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from.

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Lady: I think that they have a strong enough power. I think they definitely need help. This I definitely think.

Sen. Ray: Do you mean it's a psychiatric or a . . .

Response: Problem. Right. I think that if they, I mean we all have problems, but I definitely think that they have problems and they need help somewhere.

Sen. Ray: It's a psychological problem rather than a . . .

Response: Than a disease.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for these people?

Response: Well, unless they go up there and are continually staying in these problems all the time. I think this doesn't help them.

Sen. Ray: In other words, you think we should have a positive program designed to cure them of whatever is bothering them.

Response: Yeah. If they stay on the program once they are cured.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from, ma'am?

Response: This I don't know.

Sen. Ray: We should have the program. You don't care where the money comes from as long as . . .

Response: I like my tax money to go to places, but . . .

Sen. Ray: But you don't have any idea on the tax money itself. Do you believe there should be an increase in the tax on alcohol in order to pay for it?

Response: No. No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: I really don't know, Bill. I'm not that well acquainted with it.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you believe that they should have treatment centers for those people you see suffering from alcoholism?

Response: I guess so.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that there should be an increase in the tax on alcohol to pay for these centers, or do you believe that there should be treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from. In effect, the Governor has said that unless we increase the tax on alcohol that he will not approve of the construction of any of the treatment centers, and do you believe that this is justified or that we need the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: I really have no opinion.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: What is this for anyway?

Sen. Ray: This is ... I'm a member of the Interim Committee on Alcoholism and this is research and we're trying to make a determination on what the feelings of the people of the State of Alaska are.

Response: O.K. Yeah, I believe it's a disease.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe they should have treatment centers?

Response: Yeah, I do.

Sen. Ray: Where do you believe the money should come from?

Response: The state.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe they should increase the tax on liquor in order to pay for this? What I'm saying is the Governor has made a determination that unless they increase the tax on the sale of alcoholic beverages, that he will not approve the construction of any new treatment centers. Now, do you believe that is the correct approach? Do you believe they should have treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from? Whether it comes from oil money or your other tax money or anything else?

Response: Yeah, that sounds pretty good.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think it should come from? We should build it or not?

Response: Yeah, I think so, I think it would be a good idea.

Sen. Ray: Regardless of where the money comes from.

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Sen. Ray: Sir, do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: Yes, yes. I think it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for these?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe, where do you believe the money should come from?

Response: Well, that's hard to say, there's only one place it will probably come from and that's government, but federal or state . . .

Sen. Ray: Well, the Governor has in the past last year red-lined or refused to agree to the expenditure of money unless there was an increase in the tax on alcohol, and the question I guess would be do you believe we should have the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from if the people need help.

Response: They need the help and it should come from the government, regardless.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

Response: If the Republicans can't do it, maybe the Democrats can, eh?

Sen. Ray: Thank you.

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Sen. Ray: Sir, do you believe that alcoholism is a sickness or a disease? An illness?

Response: Is this a choice . . . sickness, disease or illness?

Sen. Ray: Well, what do you believe that alcoholism is? Some people rate it as an illness. . .

Response: Oh, it's a sickness, I suppose.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you believe they should have treatment centers for people who have alcoholism?

Response: I suspect they should, right.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe there should be an increase in the tax on liquor to provide this?

Response: Absolutely.

Sen. Ray: And if there is not an increase in the tax on liquor, as an example, last year the Governor did not, he red-lined the improvements or the treatment centers because he said that unless there was an increase he would not approve of the construction of any facilities. Do you believe that that approach is proper or do you believe we need the treatment centers irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: That's a pretty tough one. I guess we should have the treatment centers, but, by golly, I think the alcoholics should pay for them. They're the ones who are causing the problem and they're the ones . . .

Sen. Ray: Yeah, but not all people who drink are alcoholics.

Response: That's true. Yeah, well, there should be a tax on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: An increase in the tax on alcohol?

Response: Absolutely, I think that's where the money should come from.

Sen. Ray: Very good. Thank you very much, sir.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a sickness or a disease?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers?

Response: I do, and enforce it.

Sen. Ray: And where do you believe that the money should come from to build these?

Response: From the alcohol. Stores themselves.

Sen. Ray: Do you think there should be an increase in the tax on alcohol?

Response: Yes. The people that do the drinking should pay for it.

Sen. Ray: But last year there was a moderate increase and Governor Hammond said that was not sufficient and, as such, he would not approve of the construction of the treatment centers. Do you believe that the treatment centers should be constructed irrespective

of where the money comes from?

Response: Yes, I do. We need help. Yes, we do. But let's not . . .

Sen. Ray: Let's tax the liquor if we can, right?

Response: Yes, and make these people get better.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Well, it's a spiritual sickness, I know that. Yeah, it can be.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe we should have treatment centers for people who are suffering from alcoholism?

Response: Definitely.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from? Do you think the money should come from an increase in the tax on liquor?

Response: Definitely.

Sen. Ray: And if there is no tax on liquor, Gov. Hammond has stated that he would not agree to the construction of treatment centers unless there was an increase in the tax on alcohol. Do you believe that we need the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: I really think that the liquor industry should be the one to pay for it.

Sen. Ray: That they should be the only one that should pay for it?

Response: Right, right. I certainly do. They're the cause of it and they should be the ones that should pay for it.

Sen. Ray: Very good. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I believe it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for these people that are suffering from alcoholism? Some place to put them, see if we can make them well?

Response: I think we should because it's so prevalent.

Sen. Ray: Alright. And where do you think the money should come from? Do you think the money should come from an increase in tax on liquor? Or do you believe that we should have the treatment centers irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: Probably irrespective of where the money comes from.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I think, yes, it progresses to the point at least where it's an illness.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe that we should have treatment centers for these people?

Response: Very definitely.

Sen. Ray: And do you think treatment centers should come from an increase in a tax on alcohol? Or do you believe that the money should come, irrespective of where it comes from, oil money or tax money from any other source?

Response: I agree with the latter.

Sen. Ray: We need the treatment centers irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: We need treatment centers, yes.

Sen. Ray: Alright.

Response: We don't want just a flophouse treatment center.

Sen. Ray: No. Not a dry-out house.

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for this?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that there should be an increase in the tax on alcohol to pay for these, or do you believe the money should come from some place else, as long as we have the treatment centers?

Response: I think it should come from the alcohol, the purchase of alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Alright. The Governor said last year he refused to, or he red-lined some construction projects which would allow treatment centers because he said the tax on alcohol wasn't sufficient. Do you believe that if it goes to that again and the legislature does not increase the tax on alcohol, then we should not have the treatment centers? Or that the money should come from some place, that we need them bad enough that the money should come from some place?

Response: I think this state needs them pretty bad. That's pretty evident.

Sen. Ray: It should come from some place.

Response: Yes.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that . . .

Response: I don't think alcoholism is a sickness.

Sen. Ray: You don't think it is?

Response: Of course I don't drink myself. Maybe that's the difference. If anybody would want to drink, if he knows it's a sickness, he should not drink. Simple as that.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for people who are suffering from alcoholism? Some places where . . . could help them?

Response: I think so.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should come from a direct tax on liquor or do you think it should come from any tax revenues we have as long as we get the treatment centers?

Response: It should come from the liquor itself because they're the ones that making it.

Sen. Ray: Them alone. Alright. Now Governor Hammond has said that if they do not increase the tax enough to build these, then he will not allow them to be built. In other words, do you believe that unless we can raise the taxes directly from the liquor industry then we just forget the treatment centers?

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Very good. Thank you very much, sir.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers?

Response: No, I don't. I think that there's too many other important things the state has to provide for; for instance, education of the young and it's just ... if we're going to go into that it would just be too expensive an effort.

Sen. Ray: If we did have treatment centers, do you think all the expenses should come from the liquor industry or it should be, on increased taxes, or do you believe that if it's necessary to build the treatment centers they should be built irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: I think that if they're going to be built at all it should be general taxes that build them.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: For some people it is, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for these people?

Response: Well, has it shown whether it's going to do any good?

Sen. Ray: Alright. If it can be proven that it can do some good, do you believe there should be an increase in the tax on alcohol to

pay for the treatment centers, or do you believe that the money should come from general tax purposes just as long as we have the treatment centers?

Response: No, I believe it should come from the source, your alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Alright. The Governor, what I'm getting at, is the Governor said that unless they increase the tax on alcohol, he will not O.K. the building of the treatment centers. Do you believe this is the right attitude or whether we need it irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: Well, we probably need it. I believe it should come from the, I'd just as soon see the industry pay for it instead of the individuals have to cough up, although a little bit, towards financing it, I don't think will hurt anybody.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very kindly.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: It's a habit.

Sen. Ray: It's a habit, but you don't believe it's an illness.

Response: Probably not like measles, but it's an illness . . .

Sen. Ray: Mental illness, perhaps?

Response: Mental illness. Right.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for the care of alcoholics?

Response: If it will do some good, yes.

Sen. Ray: Alright. And do you believe that in order to build these treatment centers we should increase the tax on alcohol and that the liquor industry, or the people themselves that drink liquor should pay for it, or do you believe that we need the treatment centers and we should get the money from whatever source is available?

Response: I think it should come from the liquor.

Sen. Ray: What I'm getting at is the Governor said that unless the tax on the increase or the increase in the tax on alcohol isn't large enough, then he will not approve of the construction of the

treatment centers. Do you believe we should have the treatment centers irrespective of what the tax is? Or just wait until the liquor industry itself can pay it?

Response: I really couldn't answer that. I think there should be some research to it.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that?

Response: No opinion on that yet.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very kindly.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for those people who suffer from alcoholism?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from to build these treatment centers?

Response: Well, I think probably a tax on liquor itself.

Sen. Ray: Alright. And then if the tax on the liquor isn't enough or isn't sufficient, do you believe that the money should come from general sources? In other words, do you think we need the treatment centers irrespective of where the tax money comes from?

Response: I do.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I never really thought about it.

Sen. Ray: O.K. I mean, do you believe that it's a disease, that people suffer from alcoholism as a sickness or a disease? In other words, do you think there should be treatment centers for people who have alcoholism? .

Response: Yeah, I think so.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from to pay for this? Do you think it should come from the general fund of the state or do you think it should just come directly from a tax on alcohol?

Response: I don't know. Probably just a tax on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: In other words, if we can't get enough money out of the alcohol tax, then we shouldn't have the centers? Or is it O.K. to use oil money or any source?

Response: Well, I wouldn't be against helping 'em anyways.

Sen. Ray: In other words, you're saying we have to help them, one way or another?

Response: Sure.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very kindly.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for people who are suffering the effects of over-consumption of alcohol?

Response: To a certain extent, yes. But I feel that a treatment center should be an established, well-known, reliable center that has already come through and shown they can help these people. I don't believe in throwing a lot of money into treatment centers that are going to last for a very short period of time and then find out that they've done little or nothing for these people. There's a few treatment centers that publicity has shown in the states, for example, they can help certain people.

Sen. Ray: Like Alcoholics Anonymous is a good program?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Alright. If it was determined that we're going to have these treatment centers, where do you think the money should come from? Do you think the alcoholic industry, or alcohol tax money itself should be used? What I'm getting at is Governor Hammond stated that he would not agree to the construction of treatment facilities unless the tax on alcohol was increased enough to pay for them.

The question would seem to be should we have the treatment centers irrespective or regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: Well, I guess my first answer still answers that. I would go very cautiously toward putting in the treatment centers, but if it is determined that one or two treatment centers for the state, the entire state, I don't believe in every neighborhood having a treatment center, then it should come from the general fund tax dollars without trying to tax a high tax on the liquor industry or the people that use liquor just because it ostensibly led to the demise of some of these people.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers?

Response: Definitely.

Sen. Ray: And where do you believe the money should come from? Do you think it should come only from a tax on alcohol? In other words, the Governor said last year that if the tax on alcohol was not increased to cover the construction, he would not agree to it. Do you believe this is the proper attitude or that we need the treatment centers irrespective of where the money comes from, oil, timber, or anything else?

Response: Well, I think the government should help with the funding of that.

Sen. Ray: In other words, we need the treatment centers irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: Right.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I feel that it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I most certainly feel that you should have treatment centers.

Sen. Ray: Where do you believe the money should come from to construct and run these treatment centers? Do you believe it should be only the burden of the alcoholic industry or the beverage industry?

Response: No, I feel that we should all share in it really.

Sen. Ray: We should have the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from.

Response: Oh, yes. But I believe it can be designed so that everybody has a share.

Sen. Ray: Everybody has a share in it. You got anything else to say about that?

Response: Yes. I don't feel that the burden should go on the state or the locals as far as the operation of these centers are concerned. They should take the initiative to see that they are set up some place, but then we all share in that, too, but the maintenance and so forth, I feel, could go to experts in the field.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I believe it's an illness.

Sen. Ray: And do you believe we should have treatment centers for the care of alcoholics?

Response: I think they should be treated someway.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Should it come from a direct tax on liquor or should it come from just general source income?

Response: I think the need is so great that it's going to have to come from the general source, the general budget.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

(No response)

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: I certainly do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the treatment centers should come from taxes derived just from the liquor industry or whether they should come from any source available?

Response: I think that it should be a combination of state and federal funds, and I think it would be a good idea to tax liquor for that purpose.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Now if there is not enough money to ... last year there wasn't enough money so Governor Hammond said they could not build the facilities, he would not approve of them unless the tax was increased and that the liquor industry bore the whole burden. Do you believe that this is the proper approach, or do you think that we need the treatment centers regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: I think we need the treatment centers; I think that's the priority and that the liquor producers and distributors, sellers shouldn't be ... shouldn't bear the whole burden of the cost. I think there should be a combination because I feel that that's infringing upon their right to produce a product that is a legitimate products, has its good uses. It's abused in the sense of alcoholism, it's abused, and that's because of the unfortunate few who are prone to that kind of thing.

Sen. Ray: Alright, do you have anything else to say?

Response: No, sir.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very kindly.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Should it come only from a tax on alcohol or should it come from any source whatsoever as long as we can get the treatment centers?

Response: Well, anyway we can raise the money. Taxes and the other special things.

Sen. Ray: In other words, the need is so great that we need it so we should pay for it and be done with it?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I don't think it's an illness, but I still think it's a problem.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Then you don't believe that we should build treatment centers to take care of these people?

Response: I think a lot of these things get out of hand. I mean, it's the same characters all the time that seem to be the ones you have to help and it just doesn't seem to make sense to me. There must be some other way besides spending all that money.

Sen. Ray: In other words, you don't want to see tax dollars going for treatment centers for alcoholics so you think they can probably help themselves or a service club or . . .

Response: Some other way.

Sen. Ray: Some other way. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that they should have treatment centers for those people who are suffering from alcoholism? Or from the over-use or abuse of alcohol?

Response: Not particularly.

Sen. Ray: You don't believe we should spend our tax dollars in that way. We have other priorities.

Response: I believe we certainly do have lots of other priorities.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Absolutely.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come to build these? Do you think it should come only from the liquor industry or from our tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you believe the need is so great that it should come from any source irrespective?

Response: I think it should come from a combined source. Federal, state, taxes on the liquor industry.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No, except I consider it Alaska's major health problem.

Sen. Ray: No. 1 health problem.

Response: No. 1, absolutely.

Sen. Ray: In other words, what you're saying is we need to do something about it.

Response: Yes, because it's not just what it does to the individual in terms of his physical health, but the destruction of the family, it results in child abuse, and it's just a very serious problem. I certainly don't have any ready suggestions, and I don't think any of us have any ready answers, but I hope something, I think it would have sort of a multi-discipline approach, I would say.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I think so.

Sen. Ray: Where do you believe the money should come from? Do you believe the money should come only from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should be a combination; that the need is so great that the money should be provided from some source?

Response: I never thought about where the money should come from, so I don't really know.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that then?

Response: No, I don't, and I don't, you know, I've not thought about how, what percentage of people are alcoholics or anything-like that.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, definitely.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should come only from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages or do you think it should be a combination? Do you think the need is so great that it should come from some place, irrespective?

Response: How do you mean by irrespective?

Sen. Ray: Irrespective of whether it comes from the oil money, tax on fish, or . . .

Response: I think it should come from some place. Taxing on alcohol wouldn't hurt a bit. I think it would be a good idea ... comes from the basic problem.

Sen. Ray: If the tax on alcohol is not increased enough to allow for the construction of it, do you believe we should use other money in order to build the treatment centers?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I know it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: And where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should come only from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the need is so great it should come from any source we can get it?

Response: Well, I think it should come from any source we can get it. I don't think we should just depend on the alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say, sir?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much, sir.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Uh, huh (yes).

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should come only from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages, or should it come from any source we can get it?

Response: I don't know. I really haven't given it any thought.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that?

Response: Not at this point.

Sen. Ray: But you do believe we should build them. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol? Are alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I think so.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the money to build these treatment facilities should come only from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should come from any source we can find available? In other words, if the tax on alcoholic beverages is not enough to build them, do you think the need is so great that we should take tax money from oil revenues, fish, or anything else?

Response: I'm not sure on that.

Sen. Ray: Then you have no opinion on really where the money should come from?

Response: It should probably come from the tax on alcohol. I think that's a good . . . but you're saying that might not be enough.

Sen. Ray: Last year they increased the tax on alcohol but it wasn't enough to satisfy what the Governor said that he needed in order to build the treatment facilities, and so he red-lined them from the budget. The question would seem to be that if the same thing occurs, do you think the need is great enough that we should take general fund money or any kind of money that we can get and not just depend on waiting for an increase in the tax on alcohol?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should only from a tax on alcoholic beverages or it should come from any source available?

Response: I think it should come primarily from the alcohol taxes.

Sen. Ray: But if there isn't enough money derived from the taxes, do you think we should take the money from oil revenues or anything else just as long as the treatment facilities were built. Do you think the need is that great?

Response: I think the need to treat alcoholism is great enough to go to almost any expense to get it, but I still think the alcoholics should pay for it themselves.

Sen. Ray: How about the people that drink but are not alcoholics?

Response: I'm one of those people, and I'm in favor of it.

Sen. Ray: And you're willing to pay it?

Response: I certainly am

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I guess it's a problem. It's a serious problem. It's something . . . it turns into an illness, I guess.

Sen. Ray: It starts out psychologically and ends up physiologically.

Response: Correct.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for those people who have arrived at a condition that could be considered as acute alcoholism or as an alcoholic?

Response: Yeah, I think though that we're defeating our purpose if we simply have that. I think, you know. . .

Sen. Ray: We have other programs besides that, huh?

Response: We have to have preventative kinds of things, more than, you know. . . it's like . . .

Sen. Ray: You mean education and . . .

Response: Education.

Sen. Ray: Alcoholics Anonymous programs, things like that?

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Alright. If we go the treatment center route, do you think that the only source of revenue should be an increase on the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think that it should be a combination, or do you think the need is so great we should find the money any place we can, whether it comes from oil revenues, fish, anything else?

Response: At this point I'm not sure.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion?

Response: I would have to study the situation.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say, sir?

Response: No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: It's a total illness.

Sen. Ray: Total illness. Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Sure.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only source of revenue to build and maintain these treatment centers should come from an increase in the sale of intoxicating beverages, or do you believe that the need is so great that irrespective of where the source is we need to build them?

Response: I think both. That the taxes should be raised in order to cover what the Governor's report indicates is the cost of alcoholism. And if the treatment costs were even greater than that, then . . .

Sen. Ray: Well, what if the treatment costs. . . what if the increase in the tax on alcohol isn't sufficient to build the treatment centers?

Response: Yeah, then I think it should be financed from other sources. I think the idea of taking it from the non-renewable resources is not a good idea and that ought to stick with it in terms of a tax on the beverage itself.

Sen. Ray: Then are people renewable resources?

Response: Oh, definitely.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Do you think the money should come only from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages or do you believe it should come from any source?

Response: I believe it should come from any source available, including an increase in the tax on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Anything else?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: Yeah, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes. . . yes.

Sen. Ray: And do you think that the only source for building or constructing these treatment centers should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you believe the need is so great that we should provide the money regardless of where it comes from?

Response: I don't see anything wrong in taxing the liquor industry.

Sen. Ray: Well, what I'm getting at is the Governor last year said that because we didn't increase the tax to what he thought was necessary, he would not approve of any construction of any facilities, but if it happens again is the need so great that it should come from some place?

Response: Yes, yes, it should come from . . .

Sen. Ray: And then we'll argue about it later.

Response: Well, I think we should start with the liquor industry.

Sen. Ray: Right. O.K.

Response: Sure the city should help, perhaps, but they shouldn't have to foot the whole bill.

Sen. Ray: How about the people that drink but are non-alcoholics? Do you think that they should be penalized?

Response: Well, I don't think. . . I'm not an alcoholic, but I see the need, and I think the community. . .

Sen. Ray: But you're willing to pay. . .

Response: Should be responsible for part of it, yes. Not all. But get the liquor industry in there.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Probably, most research says that.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, but I think they should go even farther and offer some kind of support to the families of alcoholics.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only source for funds to build the treatment centers should come from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or is the need so great it should come from some place, just so long as we have it? The Governor last year said that the tax increase wasn't sufficient and as such . . .

Response: What tax increase? The tax increase on liquor?

Sen. Ray: On liquor. . . . wasn't enough. He didn't consider it enough and he wouldn't approve any construction of any treatment facilities. Do you believe that this is the proper approach, or do you believe that the need is so great that we should build them irrespective of where the money comes from, if it comes from oil revenues, fishing, or anywhere else?

Response: I think the best place, I think that probably, I don't say that that's the only place they should get the money is from an increase in tax. In other words, if the cost is so great that that wouldn't cover it, I think it should come from other places. I think that's a good place to start. I think they should increase the taxes. . .

Sen. Ray: They should increase the tax but if that isn't enough, sufficient, that there should be other money.

Response: There should be other money, from other, I think we have enough money that . . .

Sen. Ray: Anything else?

Response: I would prefer to see money spent on that than on building a new capital, for instance. I think we all would for that.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I don't know. I'm not a doctor. It's a problem, but . . .

Sen. Ray: O.K., but you not sure whether it's an illness.

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you think there should be treatment centers for alcoholics, for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Well, I think we have to have them.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think we should get the money. Do you think the only source should come from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages, or whether the need is so great it should be found and could come from any source?

Response: Got a hold button? I mean, I don't know.

Sen. Ray: Then you have no opinion?

Response: No, I'm not saying I haven't got any opinion. I wasn't expecting to run into you with a bunch of bloody questions for me this morning, and I haven't had time to think about it.

Sen. Ray: Well, do you think . . .

Response: As not drinking very much myself, it wouldn't cost me very much if it all came from booze.

Sen. Ray: The problem is this: What the Governor has said is if the increase on the tax on alcoholic beverages is not sufficient for the construction of the treatment facilities, then we won't have them. Do you think the need is so great that we need facilities irrespective of whether the money comes from oil . . .

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Sen. Ray Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Sure.

Sen. Ray Do you believe we need treatment facilities for the care of those who abuse alcohol?

Response: To an extent, yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenue for constructing these should be an increase in the tax on alcohol or do you believe that the need is so great that the money should be provided from any source available?

Response: Probably federal funding.

Sen. Ray: In other words, a combination of possibly an increase in the tax on federal funds or state funds.

Response: Well, yeah, but more federal funds, I think.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say about it?

Response: No, that's all.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment facilities for the care of those who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe the only source for the funds for construction of treatment centers should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the -- what I'm getting at is the Governor said last year that the increase on alcoholic beverages that he requested was not sufficient to build the treatment centers and therefore he was red-lining them and do you believe that the need is so great that we should find the money irrespective of where

it comes from, whether it comes from oil, timber, fish, or any other tax?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness:

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the money for the construction of the treatment centers should only come from a tax on alcoholic beverages or do you believe that the need is so great it should come from any sources available?

Response: I think it would be very appropriate if it came from taxes from alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Well if there isn't enough, I mean if we can't get the taxes up high enough, if the tax isn't enough -- see, the Governor last year said that if the tax wasn't up to the degree he thought was necessary then he would not approve the construction of them. Now do you believe that we should go on that angle or should we say, hey, we need these irrespective of where the money comes from.

Response: I would need more information.

Sen. Ray: Well, then, you have no opinion on it right now?

Response: Not until I know more.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the only source for funds for construction of treatment facilities should be an increase on alcoholic beverages or do you believe the need is so great it should come from any source available?

Response: I think it should come from any source available.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: I want to know whether you think alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I think it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: And do you think that the only source of funds for the construction and maintenance of these facilities should come from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages or do think the need is so great it should come from any source?

Response: I would think the taxing of alcoholic beverages.

Sen. Ray: What if that is not sufficient to maintain it? Do you think -- would you be willing to use other revenues, like general fund revenues?

Response: I would think any kind of medical, any of the federal funding, is this what you have in mind?

Sen. Ray: Yeah, well, what I have in mind is last year the Governor said that the increase that the legislature was proposing was not sufficient for the construction or what he thought was necessary and, as such, he would not agree to the programs. Do you believe that if this would occur again that we should not have the treatment centers or do think that we should just go ahead and get the money from oil or a tax on timber, fish, whatever it is, just general fund monies?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: In other words, the need is great enough?

Response: I think they're essential. Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thanks very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Not if you've got enough courage to be your own judge and your own doctor.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: There are some that are beyond redemption. They would have to be taken care of.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only place that funds for the construction of these facilities should be from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or are you willing to spend any general fund money?

Response: Well, I wouldn't agree with either. I don't think the sociable drinker should subsidize the guy that can't control it, and coming out of the general fund is one way. Why don't they go statewide and put in like Washington and Norway -- put in government controlled liquor stores and they set the price and make the profits and take care of all the funds.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Do you have anything else?

Response: No. If they did that I think we would be a good Scandinavian country.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yeah, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe the only source of revenues for the construction and maintenance of these facilities should be an increase on the

tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the need is so great it should come from any source?

Response: I think it should come from any source.

Sen. Ray: Got anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Definitely. I'm an alcoholic.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe they should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Definitely.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenue for the construction of these treatment facilities should be an increase in tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you believe the need is so great it should come from any source?

Response: Well, down in the lower 48 it comes from all sources.

Sen. Ray: And you wouldn't be adverse to that coming from up here either?

Response: No, I believe it should come from all sources.

Sen. Ray: Anything else to say?

Response: None other than that an alcoholic never cures himself. It's his own desire to do it. Nobody else can do it for him.

Sen. Ray: Personal motivation.

Response: Strictly. Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenues for the construction of these treatment facilities should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages or do you think the need is so great that it should come from any source?

Response: I think it should come from any source.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I really do. I mean, you put it on by yourself.

Sen. Ray: Do you think they should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I believe so.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source for construction of these should be funds from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you believe that the need is so great it should come from anyplace.

Response: It should come from anyplace -- grants, you know.

Sen. Ray: We need them, right?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Oh, definitely.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we ought to have treatment centers?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the only place the only place that we should get the funds for construction of these treatment centers should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you believe the need is so great that we should take the money wherever we can get it?

Response: I believe wherever we can get it.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think there should be treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source for construction of these treatment centers should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get the money anyplace we can?

Response: Well, hm. . .

Sen. Ray: Well, what the Governor said last year was that he didn't believe the tax on alcohol was sufficient and so he said that he wouldn't approve any of the programs, so if that happens again then would you say just forget the program or should we just use general fund money that we get from oil or anything else.

Response: No, I think that the program should be funded by alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Only.

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Anything else?

Response: No, I think that will do it, Bill.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: Well, I don't know just how to say that. It's a self-inflicted disease, that's for sure.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: And do you think that the only place that the money should come from for the construction and operation of these facilities. . . do you believe it should only come from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the need is so great it should come from any source available?

Response: It would be very well if it could come from the tax on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Well, what if that isn't sufficient. Do you think that we should take money perhaps from the tax that we get from the oil money, anything else?

Response: Well, it, as a non-drinker myself, it thoroughly gripes me to have to take care of our drinkers, but they need help.

Sen. Ray: How about those people that drink but do not drink to excess. Do you think the tax should be increased on those people, too. To pay for those people who abuse it?

Response: Well, I think that anyone who uses alcohol . . .

Sen. Ray: Then, in other words, do you agree that this should come directly from tax on alcohol?

Response: Well, it seems it has to.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: I want to ask you if you think alcoholism is a disease?

Response: Of course it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we ought to have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Definitely.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source we should use is the tax money

from the alcoholic industry or from the liquor industry, or do you believe the need is so great that we should get the money from any source available?

Response: Any source available. There's no place now for alcoholics to go for treatment.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Do you have anything else to say?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from to build these? Do you think it should come strictly from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the need is great enough that it should come from any source available?

Response: Well, what's wrong with having it come from both sources.

Sen. Ray: A combination.

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: In other words, any place we can get the money, right?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I guess I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only place we should get funds for the treatment centers should come from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should come from any funds available?

Response: I don't think it should all come from taxes on alcohol.

Sen. Ray: In other words, from any source available, right?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No, I don't, Bill.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: No, I don't.

Sen. Ray: You would say that you wouldn't believe that there should be any funds made available for those treatment centers, right?

Response: That's my feeling.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No, I believe we all have the right to know what's right and wrong and too much or too little.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: I feel that if it's a psychological crutch for someone, maybe they need somebody to steer them toward a, you know, somebody that would on the whole know.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think we should get the funds for this? Do you think just strictly from the liquor industry or from any funds available?

Response: I don't think from the liquor industry -- no.

Sen. Ray: In other words, you're willing to get them from anyplace.

Response: Yeah. I think it has to be a give and take.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

Response: On the part of everyone.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Thank you, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: I want to ask you if you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I don't know much about it, but, yes, I believe it's an illness.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I don't know what the answer is. I really don't, especially since the articles in the newspapers, and in my own mind, I can't figure out what the answer is.

Sen. Ray: If we do have treatment centers, do you believe they should be supported only by an increase in the tax on alcohol, or do you believe we should use any funds available?

Response: I think it has to be probably both.

Sen. Ray: A combination. Thank you very much, ma'am.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: I believe alcoholism is a disease.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we need treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think the money should come from? Do you think it should only from an increase in the tax on alcohol, or do you believe it should come from any source available?

Response: Any source available.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I don't know if you need actual centers for them, per se, but there should be treatment available, yeah.

Sen. Ray: If we do have treatment centers, do you think that the only funds available should come from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should come from any source available?

Response: Oh, I think from any source available.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Sure.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers? For alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenue for these treatment centers should come from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or from any source available?

Response: I think from any source that can help them.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I'm not too sure.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that. If we do have them, do you think we should fund them only from a tax on alcohol or from any source available?

Response: Any source available.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes sir.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: We should have several of them.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of funds available should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or from anyplace we can get the money?

Response: I think the money should come from where it's available, Bill.

Sen. Ray: Anything else?

Response: No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think alcoholism is a disease?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe in treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Where do you think we should get the money? From just a tax on alcohol or from any source available?

Response: I don't know. Probably from any source available.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: It should be treated as an illness, right.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Not if the public is going to have to pay for it.

Sen. Ray: In other words, you're not interested in having any treatment centers for alcoholics.

Response: We've been taxed heavy enough as it is.

Sen. Ray: Well, the third question I was going to ask is if we did have treatment centers do you think it should just come from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or from any source available?

Response: They would have to find a source other than the general public. I don't know if you could tax alcohol or not. I don't think the public would go for it.

Sen. Ray: Should be a combination of sources, right?

Response: It's a hard question to answer.

Sen. Ray: Oil money, or anything else, right?

Response: Anywhere they could find it.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I think so, 'cause my husband is an alcoholic.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you believe they should have treatment centers?

Response: I think they should, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the treatment centers should only be funded by an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or from any source available?

Response: I think from any source available.

Sen. Ray: Thank you.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only source of income for the construction of these treatment centers should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get the money wherever we can?

Response: Probably a little of both.

Sen. Ray: In other words, a combination?

Response: Right -- right.

Sen. Ray: The increase in the tax and other sources too.

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Thank you.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only source of revenue that we should use in constructing these treatment facilities should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should be a combination?

Response: Well, I don't know about that.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion?

Response: I have no opinion because I really haven't looked into it.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should derive the money from any place we can?

Response: I think we should get the money from wherever we can get it, but not on taxing people who drink alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Anything else?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: O.K.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Well, I would imagine that they have to be rehabilitated someway.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think that we should derive through taxation on alcoholic beverages the money to build these facilities or do you think it should be a combination of different sources; we should get the money anyway we can?

Response: Yeah, I think that's probably a better approach to it.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should fund these through a tax on just a tax on alcoholic beverages or that we should fund these from any source we can?

Response: I don't think the alcoholic beverage tax.

Sen. Ray: In other words, we should just get the money out of the general fund, from whatever place we can?

Response: I don't know; I never really thought about it.

Sen. Ray: Then you have no opinion.

Response: You might say that.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe the only place we should get the money is from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages?

Response: I should say not.

Sen. Ray: Any source available?

Response: That's right, like we do for everything else.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe the only source of funds for construction of the facilities should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get the money anyway we can?

Response: Anyway you can.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything else?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: It sure is.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we need treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Right.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the only source of revenues for construction of the treatment facilities should come from a direct tax on alcoholic beverages or should we get the money anyway we can? Like from oil money or fish money or anything else.

Response:

Response: I wouldn't take it from fish money. I don't really know.

Sen. Ray: You don't have any opinion on that -- where the money should come from.

Response: No -- no. I believe they should be helped, if they stay helped. But if they go into this program time and time again it keeps costing the taxpayers money, that's ridiculous.

Sen. Ray: Then it doesn't do anybody any good -- right?

Response: Right. Give it a try or two, if they can't straighten up, let them go their own way.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that the only source of revenue for the construction and operation of these should come from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get it from any source available?

Response: Should be a joint effort.

Sen. Ray: Combination. Got anything else to say?

Response: No.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think there should be treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: I think there should be.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should fund those treatment centers with only a tax on alcohol or should we get the funds from any source available? Like the oil funds, or anything else.

Response: I think from any source.

Sen. Ray: Any place at all?

Response: Yes.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Not really.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that these treatment centers should be supported or built by an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get the money from any source available, such as oil money, fish money?

Response: I think it should come from the alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Strictly from the alcohol?

Response: Yes, I sure do.

Sen. Ray: If there isn't enough money from the alcohol, what I'm referring to is Governor Hammond asked for an increase in the tax on alcohol from the legislature and they didn't increase it as much as he thought was necessary and he said he would veto or red-line the projects. Do you think that if the tax is not increased enough then we should just do away with the treatment centers, or should we find the money someplace else and build them?

Response: That's really a good question. I really have to sit down and think about that.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion on that?

Response: I think that should be totally funded from the alcohol, though. That's the whole source of the problem. As far as where to get the money from beings he didn't sign it, I really don't know. You would have to do some looking.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do, very much.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenue for the construction and operation of these treatment facilities should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or should we get the money anywhere we can?

Response: It kind of depends. I'm not really sure, I couldn't really say.

Sen. Ray: Well, I mean, maybe a combination . . .

Response: We could get the money on any part that we can . . .

Sen. Ray: Any place that we can get it?

Response: Sure.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: It's all up here.

Sen. Ray: Do you think it's all in your head, then. Do you think there should be treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Well, yes and no. Some of them is a true alcoholic, the others are the free-loading, you know.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Then do you think that in order to construct these facilities there should be an increase in the tax on liquor, or do you think we should get the money from any source available?

Response: No, if they don't have enough guts to quit, let them tough it out.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do. Very definitely.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics? Treatment facilities?

Response: Yeah.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only funds that we should just tax the liquor industry . .

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: As the only source, or should be a combination, we should get the money anywhere we can get it. Because the need is that great.

Response: Well, I think it's a health problem as well as liquor store problem.

Sen. Ray: So then what we should do is get the money anywhere we can.

Response: I think both places would be good.

Sen. Ray: Do you have anything to add? (Asked of another gentlemen.)

Response: No, I agree with that.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Absolutely.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the only source of funds available for the construction of these treatment facilities should be an increase in the tax on liquor or do you think we should find the money wherever possible and build them?

Response: I think it should be taken from all. . .

Sen. Ray: All sources.

Response: Right.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we ought to have treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: It's absolutely imperative that we do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only funds, or the only source of funds for the construction and operation of these treatment facilities should come from an increase in the tax on intoxicating beverages, or do you think it should be a combination? Do you think we should find the money any place available and build the facilities?

Response: Well, I think that certainly. . . entertain thoughts of increased tax on alcoholic beverages, but that isn't the only answer.

Sen. Ray: But if the tax isn't sufficient to do the job, do you think we should then find the money any place we can?

Response: Certainly. I'm not sure I even agree with taxing alcohol any more than you tax sugar to increase funds available for treating diabetes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I don't know.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for those people who abuse alcohol?

Response: Yes, I think it sounds like a good idea.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only source of revenue to be used on these treatment facilities for their construction should be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think we should get the money any place we can?

Response: I think we ought to get the money anyplace we can.

Sen. Ray: Do you agree with what he says? (Asked of another lady.)

Response: Yeah.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease or an illness?

Response: I'm not a physician, I don't know.

Sen. Ray: I mean, is it your opinion?

Response: My opinion would depend on what the medical profession thinks.

Sen. Ray: Do you think there should be treatment facilities for those who abuse alcohol?

Response: I think there should be preventive institutions that can help an individual and a family get back on its tracks, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that these should be funded solely from an increase in taxes on alcoholic beverages, or whatever source that the money can be made available?

Response: I think they should be funded partially at least from that, I don't know to what extent.

Sen. Ray: From an increased tax. But if the tax isn't enough, is the need great enough that we should take the money from whatever source we can get it?

Response: I think it should be at least in a great part from the alcohol profits which is causing that problem.

Sen. Ray: O.K., anything else?

Response: No, except that I've enjoyed talking to you.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that there should be treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages is the only place we should get the money, or do you think we should use any money we can?

Response: I'm not sure I understood it.

Sen. Ray: O.K. The Governor last year said there would be an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, but if the legislature did not pass enough of the tax, then he would veto the projects and as such they would not build them. Do you think it's necessary to have them irrespective of where the money comes from? That is, we could use oil money or fish money or anything else; anyplace we get taxes from to build treatment centers and not just be dependent on the tax on alcoholic beverages.

Response: I'm not sure.

Sen. Ray: You have no opinion.

Response: I'm still not sure I understand what you . .

Sen. Ray: It's going to cost money to build these treatment centers, and the Governor says he will not allow them to be built unless the money comes from taxes on alcohol. Do you think that's right or do you think we need the facilities regardless of what the tax on alcohol is?

Response: We need the facilities regardless.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: To a certain extent, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Alright. The tax on alcohol, the Governor has asked for an increase in the tax on alcohol and he said if it wasn't enough then he would not support the program until such time as the tax increase was enough to build them. In other words, he feels that the entire cost of the facilities should come out of the tax on alcoholic beverages. Do you believe that, or do you think the problem is necessary that we go ahead and build them regardless of where the money comes from.

Response: I think he should leave the alcohol tax off and build it from general fund money.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think alcoholism is an illness?

Response: I think alcoholism is an illness. We need the facilities to treat them, and I think alcohol should be more highly taxed than it is. And I think . . .

Sen. Ray: What if there isn't enough money that comes in from the taxes? Do you think we should build the facilities anyway and take the money from the oil revenues?

Response: I can't say I honestly have any opinion of where the money should come from, but we should find it somewhere. To build the facilities and make them available to the people who need them.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers, treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Now the money for these, where should it come from? Should it come from an increase only in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or should we build the facilities and worry about where the money comes from later? In other words, the Governor said that he's asked for a certain increase in the tax on alcohol and he said that if the increase isn't sufficient then he will not support the building of the treatment facilities. Do you feel that the facilities are necessary enough that we will find some place to get the money to build them?

Response: Yeah, I think so.

Sen. Ray: Anything else? Thank you.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is a disease?

Response: I'm not an expert on the subject, but I'd say yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment facilities for alcoholics, for those who abuse alcohol?

Response: I think it's a grave problem in Alaska. I don't know the proper cure.

Sen. Ray: Well, if we would build treatment facilities, do you think the money should come only from the increase in the tax on alcohol or do you think we should build the facilities from wherever we can get the money, whether it's oil revenues, timber revenues?

Response: I believe the problem is serious enough so it requires general support.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the treatment facilities should be financed only from the increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do believe we should build the facilities and get the money from wherever we can, whether it be the oil or the timber, or anything else?

Response: I don't think it should come just from the increase in alcoholic beverages, no.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have the facilities irrespective of where the money comes from?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Illness?

Sen. Ray: Some experts say that alcoholism is an illness. Do you think that's correct?

Response: I don't know what it is, but it's sure something, I'll tell you.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think we should have treatment facilities for those who abuse alcohol?

Response: No.

Sen. Ray: If we did have treatment facilities, do you think it should only from an increase in the taxes on alcoholic beverages, or do you think it should come from general revenues, whether it's oil, timber, fish, or whatever?

Response: General revenues.

Sen. Ray: From the federal government more than anything else, eh?

Response: Yeah.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Well, I really don't know. I've never been confronted with it myself. Like I say, I have enjoyed drinking but I don't drink anymore due to health purposes.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that there should be treatment facilities for those who abuse alcohol or overuse it?

Response: I think there should, yes, I'll tell you what I think; I think it actually is an illness and some people can't handle it.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think that if we do have health facilities that they should be financed only from the increase in the alcoholic tax on beverages, or do you think the money should come from whatever place we can get it, whether it comes from oil revenues or lumber or anything else?

Response: Well, I don't know. I've always felt that a person should pay for his own fun, what I mean to say is if you enjoy a certain thing then you pay for it.

Sen. Ray: Then you believe it should come strictly from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages?

Response: In the sense of the word I would say yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Alright, very good. Thank you.

Response: Like I say, I feel that somebody's going to pay for something. It's just like all these parks they're building, who the hell should pay for them? The people who want the parks, not me.

Sen. Ray: What about the person that drinks a six-pack a week and has no alcoholic problem at all? Do you think he should be the one that has to support somebody that can't handle it?

Response: No, no, he shouldn't.

Sen. Ray: Then what you're saying really is if they need the facilities it should come from anything, any place we could get the money.

Response: Probably so. Just the situation. Like I say, what I mean is, as far as these parks they're building why, what the heck, I don't go to the ski lodge or anything like this but I'm paying for the damn thing.

Sen. Ray: You got it. Thanks very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should build treatment facilities for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that the only place that the funds for these treatment facilities should come from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the problem is so severe that we should get the money any place we can and build the facilities? Or a combination?

Response: I think it should be a combination because I just feel that way.

Sen. Ray: Well, the Governor said last year that unless the legislature increased the tax to what he thought was necessary he would not commit himself to support any facilities.

Response: No, no, we need the facilities. I do believe that.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Not always.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should build treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: I think so.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the money to build these facilities should come only from a tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the problem is severe enough that the money should come from any place we can get it?

Response: I really haven't studied it enough.

Sen. Ray: Well, the reference is the Governor said last year that if we didn't increase the tax on alcohol to what he felt was necessary, then he would not support the building of these facilities and then we wouldn't have any, if the tax was not increased. Do you believe that the problem is so severe that we should have the treatment facilities if we have to take the money from the oil revenues or wherever it comes from?

Response: I kinda think so.

Sen. Ray: From wherever we can get it.

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(Inaudible) as much a disease as alcoholism. This is the way I feel.

Sen. Ray: Then, in fact, what you're saying is we should tax people who use sugar to support people who have diabetes.

Response: Well, I would . . .

Sen. Ray: I mean, you're drawing that same analogy.

Response: Everybody's problem -- we're talking about from cradle to the grave.

Sen. Ray: It's about time that somebody took care of themselves?

Response: Right. That's the way I feel.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: At a certain point, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should have treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: Not really.

Sen. Ray: If we did have it, do you think we should just tax alcoholic beverages or do you think we should get the revenues from any place we can like oil revenues or anything else?

Response: Well, I think they should be treated just like any other patients. I think they should have a drug program -- it's much worse than alcohol.

Sen. Ray: Do you subscribe to the two-phase on alcoholism; the first is a psychological phase which has a motivation to make the person

drink no matter what it is and then when it progresses to a certain point it becomes a physiological problem when the metabolism changes and that's when it becomes an illness? First it's a mental aberation, then it becomes an illness. A physical illness, right?

Response: Sure, you can do over-eating or anything. Anything in moderation is good.

Sen. Ray: Thank you very much.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, I do.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should have treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: I believe so, just as well as anyone else.

Sen. Ray: Alright. Do you think we should fund these through just an increase in tax on alcoholic beverages or do you believe the problem is so severe that we should take the money from whatever funds we can get, whether it's oil money, timber money, or whatever. What I have reference to is the Governor said unless we increase the tax on alcohol to what he considered was necessary, he would not support the program. Do you believe in that?

Response: Yes, I believe it would be better to do that. Maybe we'd get fewer people drinking.

Sen. Ray: O.K. Then, in other words, you think it should just come from a tax on alcohol?

Response: Yes. I don't think we should rob Peter to pay Paul.

Sen. Ray: Alright.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think we should have treatment centers for alcoholics?

Response: Yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think these should be funded strictly out of taxes on alcoholic beverages, or do you think they should be borne by entire general funds, such as oil, fish, or anything else?

Response: I think both.

Sen. Ray: Both. It should be a combination, an increase . . .

Response: Yeah. I mean I think if people pay taxes on the booze it should go to that, you know.

Sen. Ray: But do you believe that we should have the facilities, regardless of where the money comes from?

Response: Yes, we should. Definitely.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Oh, yes.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should have treatment facilities for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Well, that's kind of a yes and no.

Sen. Ray: Alright. If we did have these treatment facilities, do you think they should be funded solely from the increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages rather than from just the general fund, all revenues? Do you think the problem is so acute that we should just use any monies we find, or should we just restrict it to what taxes are taken in on alcoholic beverages?

Response: Alright. Let's go with the alcoholic beverages.

Sen. Ray: In other words, only the tax on alcoholic beverages should be used. Right?

Response: Yep.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Certainly.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should have treatment facilities for alcoholics?

Response: Yes and no.

Sen. Ray: Yes and no? Alright. If we did have treatment facilities for alcoholics, do you think that the money to support them should come only from an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages or do you think the need is so acute that we should take the money from wherever we can get it, whether it's oil revenues, timber, fish, or anything else?

Response: I think alcohol taxes should support it probably.

Sen. Ray: Just the alcohol well, what I have reference to is the Governor said last year that if we didn't increase the tax, if the legislature did not increase the tax to what he thought was necessary he would not support the program. In other words, he would veto the treatment facilities. Do you feel that if, again, the tax is not sufficient that then we should just forget about them, or do you think we should build the facilities and take care of the people?

Response: I think probably ... that's a hard question to answer. Very difficult question.

Sen. Ray: I know. That's what we're finding. It's very hard. Or do you think it should be a combination of an increase in the alcoholic tax plus general fund money?

Response: No, I think the alcoholic tax should probably take care of it. Unless they're in combination with some other kind of facilities. I think the drug problem is beginning to be much worse than the alcohol, so are we going to make the alcohol tax support the drug problem, too? You can't tax the drugs.

Sen. Ray: That's true. All we can do is put the people in jail. And pay for them. . .

Response: And pay for them while they're there. I honestly don't know. However, if you put a 1¢ sales tax on to build the chair lift, you know. I don't know, Bill.

Sen. Ray: Alright. No opinion, then.

Response: I really haven't given it that much thought.

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Sen. Ray: Do you think that alcoholism is a disease? An illness?

Response: Well, I think it's both, yeah.

Sen. Ray: Well, I mean, do you believe it's an illness?

Response: Yeah, sure.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should build treatment facilities for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Uh, yeah. Well, yeah, I do, under certain conditions.

Sen. Ray: Alright. And if we do this, do you think that the funds to build these facilities should come only from the increase in tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think they should come from any source as long as we take care of the people?

Response: I think it should come from the tax on alcoholic beverages.

Sen. Ray: Only. Well, the reference point I have is Governor Hammond said if the legislature does not increase the tax to what he believes is necessary, then he will not support the construction of treatment facilities. Now, in case this would come about in that fashion, then do you think we should just forego the building of the facilities and let the people wait until such time as the tax would take care of it? Or do you think a combination of an increase in the tax, plus the use of oil money or fish money would be . . . a tough one, uh?

Response: That one's a tough one. I think that certainly the tax foundation of taxing alcoholic beverages should take care, go that direction.

Sen. Ray: Well, you know all the money goes into the general fund, and whatever comes out comes out of general fund money. Maybe you think a compromise; should be part from an increase in tax and part general fund money?

Response: I wouldn't compromise unless that other part completely failed.

Sen. Ray: The main thing is you think it should come from an increase in tax?

Response: Sure, sure.

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Sen. Ray: Is it your belief that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Yes, it is.

Sen. Ray: Do you believe that we should build treatment facilities for the care of alcoholics?

Response: Yes, we should.

Sen. Ray: Do you think the funding of these treatment facilities should be exclusively through an increase in the tax on alcoholic beverages, or do you think the problem is so severe that we should get the money from wherever we can?

Response: Should get it from wherever you can get it?

Sen. Ray: Alright. Thank you very kindly.

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Sen. Ray: Do you believe that alcoholism is an illness?

Response: Alcoholism is an illness.

Sen. Ray: Do you think that we should build treatment centers for the care of alcoholics?

Response: I need to think about that.

Sen. Ray: Alright. If we did, do you think that the funds for the construction of these facilities should come only from an increased tax on alcoholic beverages or do you believe that the problem is so acute in Alaska that we should get it from any source we can get it, whether it be federal monies, oil monies, whatever?

Response: I wouldn't use oil money, but I think a tax on beverages.

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