

THE GREAT ALABAMA LIQUOR ROBBERY

A SHORT & LONG STORY

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The short story of THE GREAT ALABAMA LIQUOR ROBBERY is actually a work in progress in 2015 and 2016. The Epilogue may be written sooner than the long story. There is also the long story that began in 1933 with Repeal of Prohibition. The short story and long story are about the intrigues of SIN, GUILT & GRAFT, aka, POLITICS, RELIGION & CREDIT.

THE SHORT STORY BEGINS

The short story of stealing the Alabama Liquor monopoly, aka, “privatizing” the Alabama ABC Retail spirits market of approximately \$400,000,000 annually, is rapidly occurring behind closed doors. The “perps” of this scheme are actually well-known Corporate Personhoods of modern America that are not viewed as actual criminal-type robbers because they are using legal, paid, insider-trading officials for a hostile take-over of Public entities, especially those with heavy cash flows and tax revenues. Of course, we have all heard and read stories of “Corporate Raiders” on Wall Street where the super-rich steal from the mega-rich, and we can watch these antics on TV shows like American Greed and Animal Planet. Robbers do not all start out as criminals, sometimes they are Opportunists that simply recognize that they can get something for nothing, without actually working hard, by taking it when the Victims are not watching. This characteristic in all mammals is a bit like how to catch a Bird, a natural instinct with Fat Cats, or a racing jungle cat taking down a slow, ill, aging Wildebeeste bull, or Somalia fishermen capturing a modern super-tanker, Alabama, for insurance and ransom. Alabama ABC Retail operations currently finds that the aging Wildebeeste of ABC yester-year is vulnerable. A feast for a few and a tragedy for the rest of the Herd. Eh, privatization, the lip-stick on the Hawg.

The Big Liquor Corporate Personhoods can afford to let the Alabama alcoholic beverage industry grow enough to create new Consumers with improved wines from Farms, and beers crafted, and finally spirits crafted, before the Law of The Jungle eliminates the slow, weak, younger establishments without money and influence. A study of how to create industry fat for the kill is in progress. It is already in the privatizing law and mission of the Study Committee using a panel to select who can pay to play, aka, the MARK OF THE BEAST to buy or sell. In the long story, we learn that Free Enterprise, like the Law of the Jungle, can be dangerous to the slow, small, weak and careless.

THE LONG STORY BEGAN

ONCE UPON A TIME, before the days of Noah. Human-like Creatures roamed the Earth and gathered anything edible. Some Creatures found wonderful, sweet, juicy berries growing in clusters on vines ready to eat. They would sit in the shade and eat the berries and spit out the seeds which would grow the next year and soon vineyards appeared. This was very convenient and the Creatures did not have to roam very far for food ready-to-eat. There was just one problem. In late summer there were lots of sweet, juicy berries to eat, but in the long, cold winter months there was nothing to eat. The smarter Creatures learned to pick extra berries and store them in clay pots and goat skins for the bleak winter days, but this too, became a mystery. When the stash of sweet, juicy berries were opened, they had changed to a strange liquid without sweetness. But, the starving Creatures had worked so hard to store food, they decided to drink the strange, red liquid that had the aroma of the natural berries but not the sweetness. This strange beverage warmed their palates and rose into their nostrils like a pleasant vapor of late summer breezes. This was a Gift from the Gods! Their raw, rancid meat tasted better, they began to talk louder and laugh, and shout! The neighbors in the next Cave came over to see what was happening. Soon they drank all this strange Nectar of the Gods and began to sing and dance on big stones. A few grabbed the smaller Creatures and made love to begat more creatures next year. Some Big Creatures began to break the clay jars over the bow of the War Canoes, and some would start Fighting. The Chief Creature would have to stop the fighting to keep from killing all the Fighters before they even got to the War with the Evil-doers. That stopped all this taking jars of Strange Nectar onto War Canoes.

The Creatures on the Planet got as bad as Panama City Beach during Spring Break, so bad the Creator told Noah to start building a Big Canoe because the Global Warming was melting the Ice Caps. Everybody thought Noah was crazy building a big canoe in his backyard. Boy, were they in for a surprise! Noah just loaded up a couple of other creatures and his Family in the Big Canoe, and the Rains came for 40 days and nights.

After the Flood, as written by the Scribes in Genesis, Noah planted a vineyard for his Family, and about 5 years later, he built a farm winery near the vineyard. After a few more years Noah was rewarded for his investment in hard work with his own Nectar of the Gods. Noah celebrated with this new Nectar of the Gods and got drunk. His children just laughed at him lying there, naked and asleep, after all, it was his vineyard and if he wanted to lay there and look at it, it was nobody's business but his.

Later Abraham had two Sons, Cain and Abel, that were just different. From this family history, we learn about “privatizing” and hostile take-overs between Brothers, it’s in the gene-pool of evolving Creatures in the Jungle.

About 2000 years ago, the Creator sent His only Begotten Son to teach the Evil-doers about the Miracle of Turning Water into Wine. They crucified Him. They did not learn anything since then, and a traveling Study Commission should just stay in Sweet Home Alabama and read the Bible. The Evil-doers in other States can only teach trial and error and explain the high cost of ignorance, when education is cheaper, just read a Good Book, with understanding, of course.

From Noah’s two-verse experience recorded in Genesis, Chapter 1, those who wish to establish vineyards and wineries, and make good wines quickly find out that you must Study and Learn for many years, not an expense-paid junket on Controlling the Beverage Industry. Never mind that Our Lord did not turn water into Kool-aid, Pepsi-Cola, Beer or Whiskey because Everybody knows they are not Miracles. The Miracle of fermented food and beverages has been known since the Creation because the Creator put it here for Mankind’s health and well-being, and it was Free to All the Creatures on God’s Earth, until Prohibition in the past 100 years.

The Great Social Experiment regulating Morality fertilized the Weeds of Organized Crime and the Three-Tier System which destroyed the Evil-doers, and created the disaster of Organized Corruption, aka, GOVERNMENT LIQUOR MONOPOLY, in such places as Alabama. From the pulpits and the State House, God’s Children were intimidated and demonized as Second Rate Citizens. The SINNERS DESERVED IT. PUNISH THE WICKED FOR MAKING THEIR OWN NECTAR OF GOD using HIS recipe, the yeast were on the fruit, just pick it, put it in a jug, let it alone until next winter. Then celebrate the Rites of Spring as Nature grows more fruit for the Blessed Custodians of the Earth. Who were these Custodians of the Earth that came to Alabama and planted vineyards and made wine, like in the Old Country. IMMIGRANTS! They were even using it in their Churches to celebrate the holy rites of Communion and not checking ID Cards at the Altar! This HAD TO BE ILLEGAL.

Too bad, in 1933, Alabama was bankrupt, and school teachers, prison guards and highway workers were being paid with scrip. The Government could not do much about those Immigrants, yet, but the Government could sure as Hell Control all that free enterprise making alcoholic beverages in Alabama. The Legislature studied the alcoholic beverage industry in Alabama by building a legal TAX fence around the 80-100 Proof Corn Field and just left the gate open for the hog swill at 5% corn. Here Come the Money! The ABC, just like Al Capone, got into the Trucking Business hauling beer, wine and whiskey from the Other States on the travel agenda (about time the Legislature went to see where all the Liquor was coming from) by keeping down the competition with Guns and Lawyers on the State payroll.

Al Capone, perhaps the most famous American distributor of alcoholic beverages, had to hire and pay for his own thugs with guns, like all other business men hauling goods, providing a necessary service to Bars and Lounges to give the Customers what they wanted. Big Al did not worry about little details, e.g, the size of barrels, bottles, jugs, percent alcohol, Malt or Vinous, High-gravity and Gourmet, licenses, 16 page tax reports, payment of taxes every month, checking ID cards, Dram Shop Insurance, lawyers (he hired his own), competition from Irish Guys (he invited them to a Valentine Party), and for the Mayor and Chief of Police...a decorated bottle of good Canadian Whiskey was always there for special occasions. Big Al expanded into other businesses like Casualty Insurance, Entertainment, Escort Services and Gaming. Including a little history lesson into the Study agenda is most appropriate. Part of Big Al's problem is he was not smart or educated enough to become a Corporate Personhood like today in America, be legal, pay no tax, eliminate competition, import and export, bank off-shore, and send the Marines to get rid of Evil-doers. Big Al just did not think about a three-tier system. All Big Al knew about was a Five- tier system where, (Tier1) Farmers grew Vinous/fruit...Al finally got his own vineyard... and Malt/grain, (Tier 2) processed it into beer, wine and whiskey, (Tier 3) Big Al hauled it across the Border over to the Speak-Easys, wholesale, (Tier 4) The Speak Easy guys hired Musicians, Entertainers, Chefs, Bartenders, Dancing Girls, Casualty Insurance from Big Al, and (Tier 5) Happy Customers, our grandparents and other relatives enjoyed Life. We have the F. Scott Fitzgerald Museum in Montgomery, a few blocks from the Governor's Mansion and the State House where you can visit, study and learn all about the alcoholic beverage industry in the 1920's Era and never get out of the City Limits...for free. The Tourism and Travel Bureau can tell you how to get there. The Museum is part of the Literary Trail for Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, so in one stop you can visit these other States where they have wineries, breweries and distillers that sell in Alabama. An enlightened person standing outside the Museum will notice that the Sun rises in Georgia every day before dawning in Alabama. One day the Sun rose over Mississippi, first, and they have a winery at Mississippi State University at Starkville where the Food Science department also makes other fermented food like fine Gouda Cheeses to go with Mississippi Wine. Visitors are Welcome. Alabama has football teams that can beat Mississippi and Georgia teams, so there, I rest my Case.

Another highlight of the alcoholic beverage industry in Alabama is in downtown Montgomery where three successive owner/brewery operators have studied the economic impact of craft brewing in Alabama for years. One thing we learned from those projects is that an excellent Malt /beer Vinegar can be made using the beer, they could not sell in Montgomery, to compete with the white distilled vinegar made from imported ethanol a few blocks away at Flieschmanns Vinegarworks across the street from the ALAGA syrup & pickle plant and Winn Dixie warehouse.

If you travel on \$10 per diem, you can go to the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, the Visitor desk (if they still have a worker) will direct you to the basement where the hand-written, verbatim records of the Legislative debate on Legalizing Alcoholic Beverages in Alabama, aka, Title 28, Code of Alabama, in 1937 can be found. Senator Simpson (D-Birmingham) amended the Bill for Manufacturers of beer, wine and spirits at \$1000 fee, to include "except where 75% or more of the fruit, honey or berries used in the WINE is grown in the State of Alabama the fee shall be \$ 25, no specified excise tax. The Senate voted 100% for the Amendment. Enough said. The Alabama ABC officials in 1979 said that was illegal. ...none of the wines sold in Alabama ABC stores were grown and produced in Alabama, Go Figure. If lawyers, lobbyists with money and liars said it was unconstitutional, it must be so. It was not illegal, but the Applicant licensee had to own or lease land in Alabama operating a vineyard or orchard before a license would be issued. In 2015 the Applicant will have to invest about \$12,000 per acre to grow Vinous, obtain a \$1000 license to make 500 gallons of wine per acre, pay \$1000 license fee annually, with an ADPH Food Processor License for \$100 annually and about \$800 Vinous Excise Tax annually on the Wine, IF you can SELL it. Your Bank Loan Officer will hardly be impressed with your Pro Forma Business Plan. Plan to put up a neat website with pictures of your vineyard and winery to include a map because you cannot erect a Highway Billboard advertising your vineyard and winery, i.e., depends on where your winery is located.

In 1937, under Title 28, COA, ABC law you could legally farm and produce wine for \$25 annual license fee and no excise taxes, but a local church could stop that license, and your Legislator would not help you. The coalition of Bootleggers and Baptists did not want you doing what Jesus did...make wine. So, it was necessary to wait nearly 50 years celebrating a lot of good funerals and elections to establish a winery in Alabama in 1979.

Governor George Wallace, Democrat, approved a winery license to get the Apple Growers in Clanton a plant to process surplus juice grade apples they could not sell in Alabama. A few weeks later, Governor Fob James, Democrat, was inaugurated in Alabama. The Alabama Baptist Association heard about a legislative bill for Farm Wineries in Alabama. They did not understand that the Biblical opinion of Our Lord in response to trick questions about Roman taxes by Pharisees, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto the Lord what is the Lord's". The self-appointed Custodians of Public Morals were messing with Caesar, and they mailed out thousands of copies proclaiming the Governor of Alabama and The Attorney General were Crooks, and they collected \$78,000 from the Faithful to rid Alabama of wineries. The Democrat Alabama House under Rep. Joe McCorquedale leadership and Rep. John McMillan and others, and Senate leaders like Senators Jerry Beasley, Dick Owens, Burt Banks, Sonny Callahan and others passed the Alabama Native Farm Winery Act of 1979 in about 4 weeks and Governor Fob James signed it into law. The legislation, about as close as you can get to Free Enterprise, served Alabama Beverage Industry well and led to further improved alcoholic beverage legislation that

allowed the Beer Truckers to also truck wine to Alabama stores. Everybody was making money, creating jobs, investing in Alabama vineyards and Life was Good until the Great Banking Crisis of 1929-33 and President Ronald Reagan saved us all supplying one-side of Economics.

As the grapes grew and wine flowed, the supermarkets discovered that a lot of customers liked wine better than beer with their meals. The shelves began to fill with strange, foreign-named wines, but the party was on! Consumers who did not like wines bought at the ABC Store discovered that wines were Good, and nobody died and went to Hell!

Soon the Distributor/Importers began to notice their annual sales figures. Um, wine sales were starting to exceed beer sales, and the beer salesmen quickly caught on that they made more money selling wine and toted fewer cases off the truck. When the Big Breweries noticed this trend in beer sales, something had to be done in Alabama where beer consumption was about 5 times the national average. Big Beer had failed to establish a brewery in places like Mobile when the Air Force closed Brookley Field and the Chamber of Commerce was trying to help the Mobile Economy, or Birmingham due to prevailing attitudes at some local/vocal churches. The Beer Deciders-in-Chief decreed that breweries be located in Georgia and Florida, only one-day trucking time away from a thirsty crowd in Alabama. Alabama did not have enough Industrial incentive money to offset the money collected on Sunday where real wine was forbidden at Communion. Just Welch's Grape Juice, like Jesus made.

Back to the good wines and good times in Alabama, the beer-trucking folks were making lots of money with good wines better than the ABC Stores and folks quit buying ABC wines until finally the ABC Stores just gave up the market. Wine business in Alabama attracted some fine businessmen who had traveled to other States had discovered beautiful vineyards and fine wines and foods in restaurants. This Farm Winery trend began to grow in Huntsville, Birmingham and Montgomery areas until Big Beer realized this was starting to get out of hand. This was happening in Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, and even Tennessee started drinking more wine and less whiskey. This economic impact could not be allowed to continue. These Farmers were selling directly to Consumers and Big Retail chain stores all over the South. The Civil War was fought to keep these Rebels from manufacturing stuff. Rednecks were supposed to pick cotton and cut paper wood and the Yankees would ship manufactured stuff back to the South, at a reasonable profit, but no making stuff was to be allowed. Rebels lost the War, but you could not convince a Rebel that The Party of Lincoln was holding them down same as Slaves and other uppity-wine drinkers of Kickin' Chickin', Thunderbird, Ripple and MD 20/20. The Spring Break crowd found out that sweet, fruity, cheap wines at 12%-14% alcohol was more bang for the buck than 5% alcohol beer, and especially the girls liked it better. The wine didn't make them belch and grow out of their bikinis like beer did. Even light beer had calories and gluten and you had to drink

too much to get a buzz. Wine was just right. Not much whisky for young folks because you had to go to the ABC Store, and they might ask for your ID card, and it cost more. You could figure the statistics on alcohol consumption by just looking at the newspaper pictures of a Spring Break Party bust by the ABC. Count the Bud, Miller, Coors cans and the MD 20/20 and Thunderbird bottles and calculate the volume, divide by the number of kids arrested and you have new economic impact data for beverage marketing.

Now that this economic information was gathered into the board rooms, the Chief Deciders figured that Alabama politics afforded a cheaper promotional campaign than TV marketing to change this unacceptable situation. Adding more Hops and Calories was not going to change the size of bikinis. Plans were carefully made and the right folks were employed to dispense money into Alabama where the Leadership never has enough money to maintain their life-style. Some beer-hauling companies sold out, and the number of beer, and now, wine haulers was reduced down to the ones who could haul the most for the least miles/gallon from GA, FL, CA, NY and Chile, Australia, Italy and anywhere except Alabama. These Alabama Farm Wineries were right in the middle of the Consumers heading for the beaches and Alabama's Border with Mexico, and that did not require trucking company services and expanded warehouses. Governor Siegelman made the mistake of trying to build a big ABC warehouse in Montgomery for alcohol at Taxpayer expense. He has since been pondering the error of his ways in Louisiana.

Some smart folks and those with lots of money got it together. First, eliminate the Alabama farm wineries who were giving free wine tours and tasting and folks could take it home, aka, off-premises sales and worst yet, selling to stores and hauling wine in their own trucks. Attacking/privatizing the ABC would have to wait awhile. The ABC employees union was a bit much, but at least the Truckers could haul most of the wine and ALL of the beer to Alabama. You could see it at Half-Time right in your living room during the Iron Bowl Game when Everybody in Alabama was watching. These Great American companies owned by European money-folks would bring joy to Alabama by the truckloads from everywhere except Alabama. Everybody loved the cute dogs and horses. That was a nice touch like on the Farm, but no grapevines/vinous in that scene like you see on Falcon Crest out on the Left-Coast. Those Auburn and Alabama kids just loved it, and those Alabama educated lawyers knew just what to do.

The Beer and wine Haulers quietly got together with these smart Lawyers and their Friends in gov'mint and a new winery appeared in a law office in downtown Birmingham. A great French firm was organized to do business in Alabama, aka, HENRI-DUVAL WINERY OF BIRMINGHAM LLC, that was being particularly suppressed by the Alabama ABC that was allowing Farmers to sell wine directly to retail stores and Consumers. Just ignore that these little winery corporation personhoods were collecting, reporting and paying taxes to the federal and state revenue

coffers. Did Governor Siegelman know anything about this, the mystery remains hidden? Let the federals take care of him and all this Conecuh Ridge stuff becoming the official Alabama whiskey made from water hauled from Alabama to Kentucky.

The case of HENRI-DUVAL WINERY OF BIRMINGHAM LLC v. ALABAMA ABC BOARD was put on the docket in Montgomery County for trial. The lawyers for Henri-Duval were so smart that the case was won almost before it began. A summary judgment for \$400,000 was filed immediately before the ABC lawyer could open his mouth, and the Judge who was so awed by this brilliant legal case granted a partial judgment against the ABC Board. Well, with this much public money in jeopardy, the only fiscally responsible thing the Alabama Senate leaders could do was quickly repeal the evil Alabama Native Farm Winery Act of 1979, but with no warning to the investors in Alabama vineyards and wineries, no opportunity to discuss or debate or seek compromise. Just no more Farm Wineries, delete Chap. 6, COA, ABC laws and enforce the Three-Tier system, RAISE THE LICENSE FEE/TAX (\$25 TO \$1000), RAISE THE WINE EXCISE TAX (\$0.05/G TO \$1.70/G) AND STOP COMPETING UNFAIRLY WITH IMPORTED WINES, AND ABSOLUTELY STOP SELLING MADE-IN-ALABAMA WINES TO RETAIL STORES....WE HAVE THE GUNS AND LAWYERS TO ENFORCE THIS AND WE WILL STOP LITTLE OLD LADIES FROM PLAYING BINGO, TOO! YOU GOT THAT, WINERIES? Where was Grover Norquist when we really needed him to get Alabama Legislators to pledge not to raise taxes....? Well, not much harm done here, after all, Bubba Six-pack could still buy beer at the every-day, low, low alcohol tax rate. Anyway, GOP Legislators and Governor Riley know that Democrats have TAX and nobody cares about the other three-letter word FEE. Both three-letter words confiscate your hard-earned money.

All this bullying of Alabama wineries was done for the piddling sum of about 6,000 gallons of Alabama wine produced and less than \$4000 tax revenue. That would not pay a good trial lawyer for a day's work. But, the winery guys realized that you cannot make a vineyard quit growing grapes, so they just sucked it up and did the best they could. They realized they needed to get better organized as a non-profit association to fight the other non-profit associations in charge of trucking beer and wine to Alabama and opposing any legislation with the word alcohol. Jimmy Hoffa and the Teamsters Union would be jealous of the use of money and influence on behalf of Trucking interests. Every morning, when you awake you see the Fleet of Trucks at the nearest fuel-convenience store with sides painted with Immigrant Beer Names, like, Corona. Go in the store and ask for a six-pack of Alabama-made beer. What?

In extenuation and migration for the inadequate legal defense of Alabama ABC in the case of Henri-Duval, an appeal was made to the Higher Alabama Court to be absolutely certain this partial judgment and sacrosanct matter of Three-Tier would become the official law of the Land, never mind that history and facts from 1937 to 2002 indicated that was untrue and a baseless myth spun by lawyers, lobbyists with money, and liars. Alabama public schools are

failures that do not teach history and government, so we have UA graduates in juris prudence that cannot read the law with understanding. Besides, the Tied-House Prohibitions in federal and state law are not the same as Three-Tier system of monopoly.

The Supremes agonized over the legal genius of their lesser legal professionals who had assembled such a completely pure, logical case history of Three-Tier in the United States of America. One minority opinion did question the Plaintiff standing in Court like, (1) Henri Duval do you have a federal or state winery license (ABC attorney was not about to submit this evidence), eh, yeah, in California we have a license. (2) Henri Duval, can I visit your law office in Birmingham to see your vineyard and taste your wines? Eh, no Your Honor, you will have to visit the Great State of California to see how things work over there on the Left-Coast. (3) Has anybody had a bottle of Henri Duval wine for dinner lately? Alabama ABC attorney, shut up, Randal.(4) Who is growing grapes and making wine in Alabama? ABC attorney, What? Beats me. They just get in the way of Alabama business as usual and create problems like Violating the World Trade Organization Treaty by competing unfairly with Canadian wineries. Eh, does the US Senate advise and consent for US Treaty? ABC Attorney, I don't know, Your Honor, you cannot trust the Federal Government.

Tied-House Prohibitions originated in Ole England when dealing with the Economics of Monopoly that led to such events as the Tea Party in Boston Harbor. In conservative Alabama we believe in Free Enterprise, so we needed a sacrosanct Three-Tier system to protect us from Farm Wineries that may be tied illegally to a mega-Retail Store and "legally and financially control" that store. It is highly unlikely an Alabama corporate personhood can legally and financially control a mega-Store owned by Chinese Communists. Something else was going on, too, with young people in Alabama that traveled to other States at the expense of, or as guest of, the Military budget. They found out that some folks made beer that tasted better than Coors Light, so they started thinking about all this Farm Winery stuff from media coverage and decided to make some better beer at home. It was illegal, but it was fun. A new generation of young Lions already experienced with group-think organized to Free the Hops, like wine Freed the Grapes. These kids had computers and iPhones and they loved to twitter and Party, right!

When these enthusiastic youngsters got to be 21 years old, they already knew about beer at the gas station and Spring Break, they became Voters from all the Young Republican Clubs at AU and UA. They were smart, well-educated, had good jobs and liked to Party. They were not about to waste time at Church or sitting around with the Old Folks, they made it happen, NOW! That's a lot of energy in motion and the Beer Deciders figured "Let'em run, besides they are drinking beer, and if any of them make good beer, we might sell some of it, but not too much". The Beer Deciders whispered in the ears of Legislators and the Brewery Modernization Act turned it a-loose! Up went the alcoholic percentage, aka, "HIGH-GRAVITY" and "GOURMET"

crafted for the fast moving Generation of Voters from failing public schools that did not teach what high-gravity and gourmet words mean in the Alcohol Manufacturing business, aka, high alcohol percentage,. It was just SO Sophisticated, eh, Like Adult wine, not like all that swill Daddy drank like Dixie Beer and Falstaff. Alabama legislators listening to the sound of money in other people's pockets got on board with High Gravity, that is, let'em make beer above 6% on up to 13.9%, just like table wine, but not RAISE ANY ALCOHOL TAXES, in a wine-size bottle. A good beer crafter can make this stuff in less time than you can plant a grapevine, get it Cold on a hot day at Gulf Shores, and grin all the way to the Bank. The first load of this Gourmet stuff from a Mississippi brewery arrived in Mobile right at the stroke of 12:01 a.m. the day that the Alabama Legislature made it legal, to a lusty, cheering, thirsty crowd that met Downtown to watch a New Era of libation dawn in Alabama, complete with a hang-over.

This more sophisticated Crowd began to learn about pairing beer with foods like wine, and drinking it from bottles that looked like wine, and had artificial fruit flavors all mixed up to sort of taste like 7-Up or Dr. Pepper and poor quality wine. This was not a beverage that mature adult consumers would throw a mullet at, but, hey, the Parties were popping everywhere in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, Biloxi, Pensacola Beach and PANAMA CITY BEACH.

The Beer Trucking Deciders went to Michigan and got some DIRTY BASTARD to sell to this thirsty Crowd, but the ABC Board said,"WHOA", none of this profanity is allowed. We have Family Values in Alabama. Just a hiccup of morality here, and a whiff of the scent of money, and the trucks loaded with DIRTY BASTARD gourmet brew were unloaded in a little old warehouse in Birmingham and reloaded and hauled all over Birmingham faster than a speeding silver bullet train from the snowy slopes of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado (another Great State to visit and learn about leisure substances clashing with Capitalism/Guv'mint). This too small warehouse business presented the Beer Truck Deciders with a minor delay, but an opportunity to create Jobs and Economic Development in rural Shelby County where a few Po'Folks live around Alabaster. Creating a few more truck-driving and forklift driving Jobs is worth about \$1.2 million in tax-exempt industrial bonds for 20-years.

WARNING: Do Not Try this Game at Home on the Farm in Wilcox County. This financial stunt is done by Professionals Only.

Now the tempo quickens and the plot thickens, re-read the Short Story scenario of the Law of the Jungle in action!

The Fat Cat Corporate Personhoods have been watching the action on the vast Safari Plain as the herds of dinner passed through the annual migrations. Ah, Opportunity has finally arrived and the gestation period of plotting and scheming for the GREAT LIQUOR ROBBERY is finally at hand. No more slinking low through the tall jungle grass, time to speed up and take down the

slow-moving, weakened, Wildebeeste of the ABC still hanging onto a \$400,000,000 spirits market for over 80 years. Even better, now there were less Trucking Deciders to haul the meat home. A stalking Cat was selected to privatize the old Retail WildeBeeste and the wholesale Wildebeeste would be overtaken later. The money-changers went to work quietly as they sneaked up on the Wildebeeste. A few of the other Jungle animals grazing on grapes and grain sniffed the stalking Fat Cats and moved out of the way like a panicky antelope. But the antelopes were not big or fat enough for this scene. Fat Cats can catch grain-fed little Critters any time. That's the Law of the Jungle, not illegal like robbing a gas station, this Robbery in progress is sophisticated and like hedge-fund management and insurance risk subsidized by Taxpayers.

The jungle scene is always in motion. A few (5) craft distilleries are growing in Alabama, but by the time this latest beverage craze and rave settles back to normal. ...The wholesale Wilde Beeste will be standing alone on the safari and the Fat Cats will privatize the last morsel of WildeBeeste in the whole Alabama Safari Plain.

WHOA!

What about that Tribe of Indians over there on the horizon? Are they really going to grow some serious Weed? If the Indians buy Alabama out of bankruptcy and give the State a few shares of stock in the Corporate Personhood, who knows what will happen next. The Trucking Deciders will beware of that opportunity, at least, until they get enough money. What if the Indians decide to make their own crafted products and cut the hauling costs? Eh, let's not think about that horrible possibility, yet. The Indians are just making noise dancing in the dirt and letting the Trucking Deciders sell beer and wine off the Reservation. Let's just stop and study this Alabama Beverage Industry (to death, until we can decide what to do), maybe the dumb Critters on the safari plains will forget about the GREAT LIQUOR ROBBERY.

Don't Worry! If anything goes wrong a good defense lawyer can confuse a Grand Jury. If anybody gets convicted, join the Church and repent. There is more rejoicing for the one lost sheep than the ninety-nine found sheep.

EPILOUGE

"Never have so Many labored so hard for the benefit of so FEW".....Jim Eddins, not Churchill

The Study Committee for the Alcoholic Beverage Industry in Alabama traveled first class and were wined and dined while others gathered and compiled a few photo ops to cover the expenditure of Taxpayer money. The "Study", professionally composed and bound, resides in

the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, unread by anybody. The disgruntled ABC employees are still trying to re-structure their careers and family finances. Some liquor brands will fade from the shelves of ABC Retail Stores as the major brands transfer over to the Mega Store shelves or on pallets for Special Sale. The every-day, low, low prices will creep up unnoticed as the competition creeps down, and Alabama money will be electronically transferred at the speed of light to States, more traveled, before midnight.

The British Monopolists of Tea Party era, could never imagine the power of money, influence and Free Enterprise concepts like Three-Tier. Most States in the Nation have learned better by experience, so Hope remains in the hearts of Free Men.

Let Us Pray!

YEA!

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Title 28, Code of Alabama, 1937

Alabama Native Farm Winery Act of 1979

Henri-Duval Winery of Birmingham LLC v Alabama ABC, 2001

Brewery Modernization Act, 2009