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LB 671

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I found the argument a little bit interesting that, in one sense, I have been told, not only by individuals but by wineries, that we will be a no ship state with the shipping tax or the shipping fee in place. And so that is what this bill is going to do; and then we turn around and say, but as it applies to kids receiving it we don't want to be a no ship state. And I would think that we...it would be exactly the opp...other way around, that our greatest concern would be about being a no ship state to kids that are under the age of 21. I believe that this amendment does a little bit more than what the Liquor Control Commission's standards have. I think it...it requires that the words be on the box, signature of a person age 21 or older required for delivery, and that the shipper shall obtain the signature of an 21 years of age or older before delivering any alcoholic liquor. If that is what we want the practice to be, what's the problem with putting it in place? And as I say, I think part of the reason that Senator Janssen said why had I not brought this up earlier, I didn't realize until I read his response to some of the letters that we had gotten that we had not dealt with this in this bill. And so that is the rationale for the amendment. And I think that if we are concerned about young people's access, and if that was one of your concerns in being supportive of LB 671, then you should be supportive of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr President, members. I don't know if the rest of the members are like my office, but I've probably received dozens and dozens of letters on this matter, and phone calls as well. So I kind of look back just a little bit, and the original version, the original green copy of the bill, as it seems to me the relevant section is on page 3, and it talks about the commission may issue a shipping license to any person who, through the Internet, sells and ships alcoholic liquor directly to a person in this state. A person who receives a license pursuant to this subsection shall pay the fee required in subdivision (12) of Section 53-124. And then it looks like,