

merchandise lies around in police stations or wherever they are kept, they do deteriorate. Thirdly, fashions in clothing and clothing has been a popular item that has been shoplifted lately. Clothing deteriorates simply because it goes out of style and when it is held up for a long time the merchant naturally loses on that even though he may regain his material. But lastly, I hardly think that narcotics are shoplifted so there wouldn't be any point in that inasmuch as retaining that or taking a picture of narcotics. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, still speaking to the amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I had a number of calls from merchants in my own area so I feel I should try to represent them. Sure this is a merchants bill. It is also our bill because as Senator Nichol just said, we pay the bill and shoplifting as you've also been told is a tremendous racket these days. I guess it is the way we merchandise things maybe that has caused it to skyrocket when many of the goods are out where you can get your hands on them. The amendment of course that we are talking about deals with the picture or cameras that are used to watch shoppers. I think they have been the most successful to my knowledge in bank robberies for instance which is probably not like shoplifting and yet it is in a way. It is stealing. I know of several cases where the bank robber has been caught quite quickly because there was a picture of him and an identification almost immediately. I would guess in shoplifting that the picture certainly would not be the only evidence used. About the only thing you could probably prove with that picture and maybe Senator Chambers is right, there is that that person was in the store. You might not be able to prove that he stole anything unless there was some other evidence involved. So I don't think the picture should be the only evidence used in the accusation of someone of shoplifting but I don't know, and I know, Senator Chambers, you objected to having your picture on your drivers license and I don't know, you're photogenic enough, it shouldn't really make any difference but I don't know what your thing is about pictures. But I guess the only thing I could say in closing, and it is not a big thing. I think it is just one tool that could be used perhaps to... I think it probably deters shoplifting more than anything else because if there is a camera around, most stores at least have a huge mirror that they can kind of watch the aisles and even those I suppose are put there more for a deterrent than they are for any great usefulness but that camera up there, if you have an idea that you are being photographed, I certainly believe it would be a deterrent. And my last comment would be that the old adage that a