

bill attempts to do is to address a problem that we have here in our state with youth, and I'm talking about minors under legal age to drink, who have at their access, through purchase, illegitimate identifications. They use this to purchase alcoholic beverages. Now it is my understanding that each year at the Nebraska State Fair we have individuals that sell this type of identification. They charge a rather substantial amount to young people who are willing to pay this of course to have the identification that would verify them to be of legal age. Additionally Senator Chambers was concerned about the minors that might be involved in this process, not an adult corporation who were manufacturing these identifications but, as he stated, "one kid doing for another". Ladies and gentlemen, I would just say that if a youth who is in the process of providing these to others of his age would participate in this act then I guess I have no empathy for that person who wants to act as an adult. I feel if they choose to act as an adult and be in violation of the law, then they should be treated as an adult. Unfortunately I think in the permissive society in which we live we have had a tendency to look the other way in instances such as this. I think that is one of the reasons we have created the problem that we have. He also mentioned that there was some difficulty he felt with the wording that dealt with the purposes of manufacturing this. Well we know what the purpose is and we know that the only time it would be effective is if the individual takes this phony identification and attempts to purchase alcoholic beverages. Now I don't think I need to explain to you, if you have family, friends or constituents who have visited with you about this problem to know what seriousness we face in society today with youth who are attempting to become adults and in doing this many of them beginning consuming alcoholic beverages which translates to a problem in subsequent life or in later life. So, ladies and gentlemen, all the intent is to stop those who manufacture this identification. I think it will help. I know very frankly that it will be a deterrent to any youth that Senator Chambers is concerned about that are manufacturing these, because I think if they were fearful of having to possibly be jailed for 24 hours or having to pay a fine, call their parents to help them in paying this fine, that it would not be a problem. I'm sure that it will be a deterrent and I think that it will be helpful to law enforcement people who are plagued by this problem, it will be helpful to the liquor commission who has to attempt to enforce this, and it will be very, very helpful to those who have legal liquor establishments who attempt to maintain their license and to conduct themselves in a way that these license would not be placed in jeopardy. This is not the answer to the problem but I think it is a practical solution and one that we should adopt.