

Reading. I respect and admire Senator Chambers' opinion on this particular issue, although our philosophies are in conflict, and I won't take the time to belabor the points that he has made in his opening remarks. If anyone has an expressed interest in what the Attorney General has said relative to his opinion, in each and every instance to the questions posed by Senator Chambers, the Attorney General unequivocally has indicated that there are no constitutional problems with this particular bill and closes that opinion by saying it would most likely be upheld as constitutional. Ladies and gentlemen, what we are attempting to do with this provision is very, very simple. There are individuals that do manufacture knowingly, intentionally illegitimate identification for people who are minors, not of legal age so that they can use these documents in the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Now we all know the seriousness of this problem in our society and I think that every step that we can take to withhold the possibility of an individual involving themselves in this process would be helpful and of great societal benefit and for that reason I would ask that you reject Senator Chambers' request that the bill be returned and that you support its passage into law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: There is no further discussion, Senator Chambers. You may close on your motion to return.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I pointed out when I first began that the Attorney General said he saw no constitutional problem with the bill as it is drafted despite how broad it is but I also emphasize that there is a public policy question here, what the Legislature's responsibility is. It would not be unconstitutional for us to put into a bill that the cow jumped over the moon but whether that is wise is a decision that we have to make. Not everything which may be constitutionally done is a wise policy for the Legislature to enact. And this is the next to the last paragraph in the Attorney General's letter and I hope you will listen to it because nothing which is bad need be done. The identification in question need not be used to try to purchase liquor at a time when the person is too young to get it, so listen to the words that the Attorney General's office wrote. "This amendment would appear to render illegal the manufacture or creation of any identification document reflecting age for the purpose of selling or delivering such a document to a minor even though the purchasing minor might not intend to utilize this identifying document until they had reached their majority." So there need not be an attempt to use the identification for an illegal purpose. You don't even have to do that but if somebody manufactures or alters it, and don't just concentrate on the word manufacture. Remember, any piece of paper which could be used to reflect the age of a minor, any piece