

the bill is about, so that people have an understanding?

SPEAKER BARRETT: No, we're on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, right. I've finished. What it does is strike the language that would allow the commission to charge for the signs.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And I believe we have an amendment on the desk. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Korshoj would move to amend the committee amendments. (See Korshoj amendment as found on page 473 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. Speaker and members, I have a very simple little amendment to go on this bill. I'm sure Senator Smith will be happy to have it on there. In my amendment, which I passed out, I'm trying to point out what is the role of these bars, these taverns. Is it their role to get involved more or less in the medical field? I don't think they have any objection to women, pregnant women knowing the effects of alcohol on their unborn child. I think probably they would even support having the manufacturer put it on the cans and the bottles and whatever they are going to be drinking. But what is their role in this issue? I talked at length with one of my bar owners, and he said he has so many signs on the wall now nobody reads them and he thinks it would be very ineffective. What is going to happen next year, if they have to put the sign on and somebody in the Legislature don't believe they are being read? Does he have to have a hostess at the door and question these people, are you or are you not pregnant, and if so, don't come into my establishment. What I think we are doing is putting more and more government in these small businesses. And I don't think they are against it, because they do not have the energy to put the sign up. Their question is, where does this government stop in small business? They reminded me that we removed their video machines which give them a little source of income to pay their taxes and their help. And they know there is a clean air act bill sitting out here that will probably require them to make an area in the bar smoke-free. Also they thanked us for raising the cigarette tax when we weren't raising any taxes at all. So, I think what they are really asking us is