

a question? Thank you. Thank you. The Chair then recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I would rise in opposition to the Korshoj amendment. I do rise in support of the bill. I rise in support of the committee amendments, and I do think that we ought to oppose the amendment that Senator Korshoj is offering. I think there is a reasonable middle ground here, and perhaps Senator Korshoj and Senator Smith could discuss that middle ground. But certainly, if there is no penalty, if there is no recourse to have these signs up, then you essentially have a worthless bill, one that doesn't have any impact, because those restaurants out across the state, or whatever establishments, bars, will just say, who cares. I mean, obviously, this Legislature isn't serious about us putting up the signs. They have no penalty involved here and they will just ignore it. So there is no sense to even proceed on the legislation. If you don't like the legislation, vote against it, but don't cut out any penalty sections so it doesn't have any impact. I would suggest, however, there may be...obviously, not putting up this sign is not a reason for revoking a license. I just don't think that is what people have in mind. Perhaps I'd like to give Senator Smith the rest of my time, and maybe there is some sort of level of penalty that makes some sense and a line we could draw, but not go as far as perhaps the bill provides and I think take care of this problem. But I would reject the Korshoj amendment as drafted and ask Senator Smith what her thoughts are about it.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I guess my feelings on this are that I feel we have to have some consistency in enforcement. I do think that I could go along, though, with the part of the amendment, using Senator Firsch's recommendation, that we maybe reorder the amendment to say, "Failure to post a sign shall not be cause for cancellation, suspension or revocation of any retail license", and eliminate disciplinary action or reprimand, because I do think we have to have some way of assuring that these signs are posted. I would just like to add a few more comments. Frosty Chapman, the Liquor Commissioner, or the head of the Liquor Commission, told us in committee, in response to this exact question, whether or